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▲ The Select Board ended the month of August by interviewing Stephanie Frontiera (left) for the position of finance director/town accountant. The town's previous finance director left in February. (Courtesy photo)

Select Board interview finance director candidate

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Select Board held a meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 28 for the purpose of conducting an interview with a candidate for finance director/town accountant.

They first voted to table the appointment of Joseph Maselli as a member of the Economic Development Committee, as it was submitted by a board member who wasn't able to attend the meeting that night.

Among their important dates, the board highlighted an upcoming Wildwood School Building Committee meeting on Sept. 17 at Wilmington High School at 6:30 p.m.

Town Manager Eric Slagle answered a question from Lilia Maselli to agree that Superintendent Glenn Brand would most likely permit residents to share feedback and answer their questions at that meeting.

Chair Greg Bendel mentioned that the vote for the best school option would now be made on Oct. 8. There would also be a community forum on Sept. 18. Slagle added that flyers on the school options would be sent to residents via mail.

Bendel then moved into the interview of Stephanie Frontiera for the open position of finance director/town accountant. Since the town received a qualified application for the open position, he shared that they scheduled this meeting on fairly short notice and properly posted in advance.

Slagle reminded the audience that the previous finance director left in February. He also mentioned that he met with Frontiera a few weeks ahead of this meeting and she indicated an interest to participate in an interview with the board.

Frontiera introduced herself and shared that she currently resides in Georgetown.

Frank West asked the first question about what challenges Frontiera anticipates facing by entering into a town position from her current position as the Director of Finance for Gloucester Public Schools.

Frontiera replied that she has worked in municipal government for 13 years previously, beginning as the assistant town accountant for the Town of Ipswich. She detailed how she was promoted quickly into the role of town accountant where she worked for five years.

She took an opportunity to use her degree in business management as the business manager/town accountant for West Newbury, where she remained for three years. About two years ago, she said that she took a leap into the school side to learn school finances.

All this she said has given her great experience where she feels ready to use all the skills and knowledge she has obtained in a town environment where she is more comfortable.

Maselli commented that Frontiera's experience on both the town and school side was excellent. She asked about her expectations for staff in this role.

Frontiera answered that she would look to have an assistant town accountant to help with the day-to-day finances. She shared that in previous positions she's had limited staff and had to perform payroll and accounts payable.

Gary DePalma stated that finances for the town are going to be tight considering their ongoing construction with the new town hall, senior center, and elementary school, not to mention future projects. He asked how Frontiera would work with the town manager to seek financing or say no to certain projects.

Frontiera shared that Gloucester used the MSBA program to construct a new elementary school where they merged two schools into one which required a large amount of borrowing. She stressed the importance of communication with the treasurer's office, using different borrowing avenues, and keeping reserves healthy.

DePalma then asked if Frontiera felt that she

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Deaton set to challenge Warren in senate race

By CASEY STEVENSON
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington primary has come and gone, with 16 percent of the town mailing in ballots or coming in to vote, resulting in 2,901 total ballots across all parties.

Early voting took place in the auditorium of town hall from Aug. 24 through the 30.

All early ballots were removed on Aug. 31 in an advanced removal, and were deposited on Sept. 1 in an advanced deposit.

On the Democrat ballot, Elizabeth Warren will be running for re-election to Senator in Congress with 1,631 votes electing her to the nomination.

Seth Moulton was elected as Representative in Congress with 1,668 of the votes going towards his campaign.

Eunice Delice Ziegler was nominated as the Councilor, earning 1,535 votes.

Barry R. Finegold earned 1,631 votes for Senator in General Court.

For Representative in General Court. David Allen Robertson was nominated with 1,633 votes.

Michael A. Sullivan was nominated as Clerk of Courts with 1,584 votes.

And in the race for Register of Deeds, Karen M. Cassella earned 793 votes, Sokhary Chan Chau earned 481, and Joseph D. Ready earned 359.

In the Republican primary, John Deaton will face Elizabeth Warren in November, earning 584 votes, with Robert J. Antonellis earning 446 votes, and Ian Cain earning 52.

Anne M. Manning-Martin earned 815 votes for Councillor.

Paul Sarnowski earned 849 votes for Representative in General Court.

No one ran on the Libertarian ballot.

Deaton and Warren, Manning-Martin and Ziegler, and Sarnowski and Robertson will fight for their seats alongside the race between vice-president Kamala Harris and former president Donald Trump this November.

That vote will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5, leaving all candidates two months

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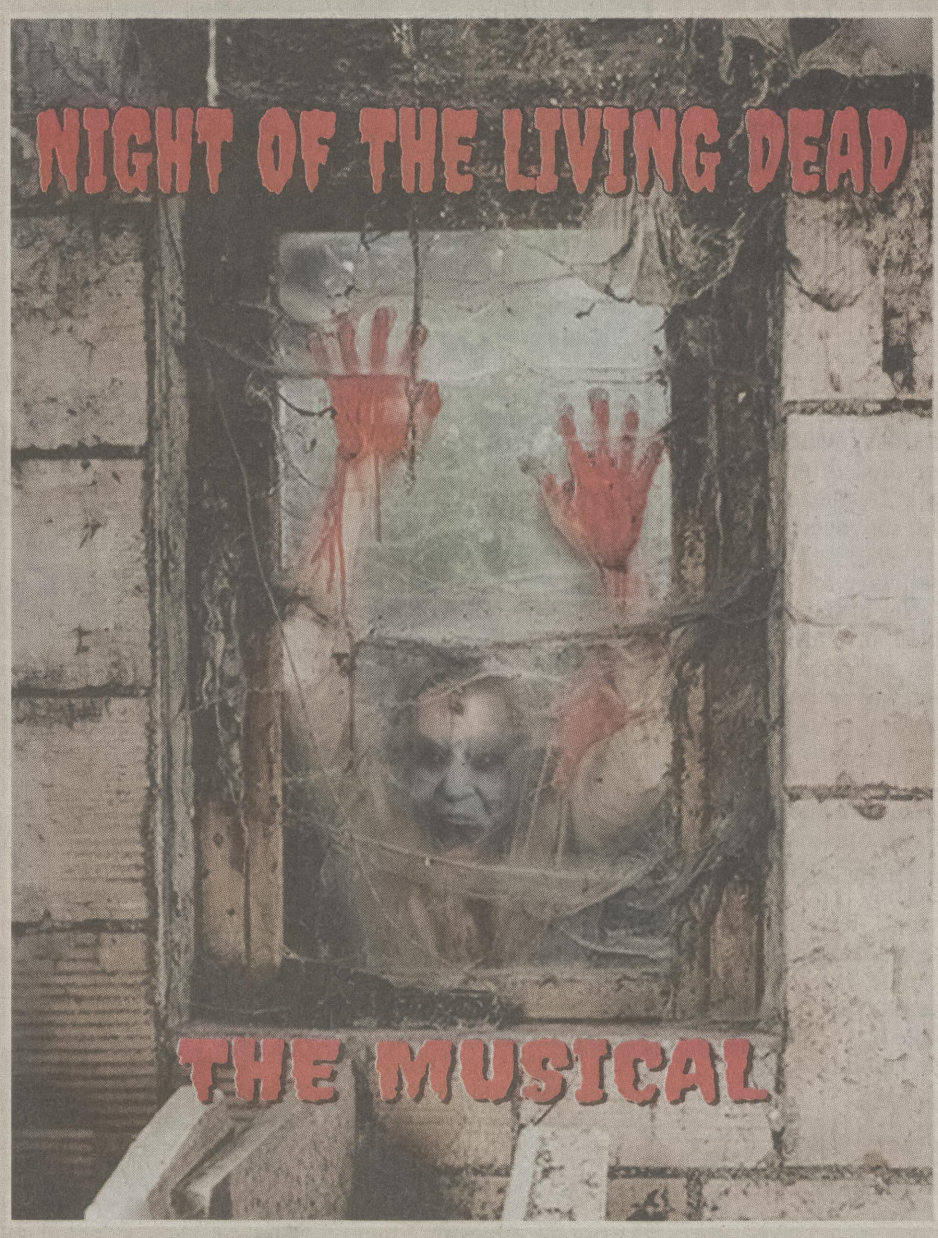
Zombies wanted for Night of the Living Dead



LOWELL — Dramatically Incorrect, Inc. announces auditions for singers, dancers, and actors for NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD, The Musical, by Clare Higgins and Steve Winstead, based on the 1968 horror cult film by George Romero. The main characters are cast, but we need more zombies and townspeople.

Performances (there'll be either four or five) will be on Oct. 18-20, at United Christ Church, UCC at 180 E Merrimack Street, Lowell.

For more information about dates and times of auditions, call the director, Paul Gymziak, at 978-490-7834.

BE PREPARED TO:

- Sing a modern song of your choice (accompanist will be provided — bring sheet music or CD, if available).
- Dress comfortably for movement.
- Please bring a photo (snap shot is OK) and resume, if available
- You will be asked to read from the script.

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Wilmington Library News:

Donate used costumes for the library's Costume Craze

Adult Programs

Needleworkers at Night

Monday, Sepr. 9, 6 p.m.

These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in. This group now meets every Monday in the cozy seating area on the first floor of the Library.

Streaming Services and Other Alternatives to Cable

Monday, Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m.

Come join Technology Librarian Brad McKenna as he presents alternatives to cable such as Netflix and the library. While not all free, the alternatives will save you quite a bit of money every month.

Cookin' the Books

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 12 p.m.

If you love to cook and enjoy talking about food and sharing recipes then this group is for you. Pick up a copy of the cookbook (or find a recipe from the book online), register on the library events calendar and record your recipe. Bring your dish to the meeting and enjoy sampling everyone's dishes! This month's featured cookbook is Falastin by Sami Tamimi.

Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 14, 2 p.m.

Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Craft & Chat

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 6 p.m.

Enjoy making a craft while socializing with others! This craft group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6pm. All craft supplies provided! This month's featured craft is Felted Pickles!

Do Political Polls Matter?

Thursday, Sept. 12, 6 p.m.

Learn the ins and outs of political polling with Joshua Dyck, Director of the Center for Public Opinion at UMass Lowell.

Needleworkers

Friday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m.

This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy conversation and camaraderie. Drop-in.

Youth Programs

Wilmington Community Playgroup

Monday, Sept. 9, 10 a.m.

The Community Teamwork Family Resource Network is here weekly! Join CTI for a community playgroup where we'll work on Early Literacy skills and much, much more! Ask CTI about any resources they can help provide for you and your family. The first playgroup of every month will focus on infants and toddlers. Ages 0-6, siblings welcome

Teen Leadership Council

Monday, Sept. 9, 6 p.m.

Join our Teen Leadership Council! Are you interested in advocating for what you want at WML? Have you volunteered before, but want to commit to more? Join our new Teen Leadership Council! Please email *srottger@wilmlibrary.org* with any questions. Grades 7-12

Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m.

Join us at our Preschool Storytime! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 3-6

Time for Twos

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m.

Join us at our Time for Twos! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Age 2

Baby Time

Thursday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m.

Join us at our Baby Time! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 0-23 months

Crafternoon

Thursday, Sept. 12, 3:45 p.m.

Come make a fun craft with us! For Crafternoon this month, we'll be customizing magnets for your locker or fridge! Grades 4-8

Music with Dara

Friday, Sept. 13, 10:30 a.m.

With keyboard, felt board, finger puppets, and engaging visual props, Dara weaves songs (old and new favorites), fingerplays, rhythmic activities/simple instrument playing, and creative movement for a fun-filled musical 30-45 minute program. Lots of clapping, marching, singing, creative expression and FUN! Ages 2-5, siblings welcome

Additional Information

Book Store Next Door

The Book Store Next Door is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop discount books! Paperbacks for $1 and hardcovers for $2. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

WML In-Person Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to *wilmlibrary.org* to register or call 978-658-2967.

▲ Costume Craze is back! Bring your new or lightly worn kids and teen Halloween costumes to the library between Sept. 3 and Oct. 10! Come back on Saturday, Oct. 12 to find a new-to-you kids or teen costume!
(Courtesy photo)

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It's Your Money

by Todd Brisbois

INHERITED IRAS REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS

A required minimum distribution (RMD) may be required for an IRA, retirement plan account or Roth IRA inherited from the original owner. The factors that affect the distribution requirements for inherited retirement plan accounts and IRAs include:

Whether the account owner died after 2019 (the SECURE Act made changes to the RMDs for beneficiaries if the death of the account holder occurred after 2019).

The relationship of the beneficiary to the account owner and certain characteristics of the beneficiary (spouse, minor child, disabled or chronically ill individual, entity other than an individual).

Whether the original account owner passed away before or after their required beginning date (the date the original account owner was required to begin taking RMDs).

IRS Notice 2023-54 provides that certain non-spouse beneficiaries subject to the 10-year distribution rule will not fail the RMD requirements because they didn't make distributions in 2023.

Publication 559, Survivors, Executors and Administrators, can help those in charge of the estate complete and file federal income tax returns and explains their responsibility to pay any taxes due on behalf of the person who has died.

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Library welcomes new director

▶Nathalie Harty joins the Wilmington Memorial Library staff as its new director on Sept. 4. She may be familiar to some as she served as Teen Librarian in Wilmington earlier in her career. Although Harty left Wilmington to pursue career opportunities elsewhere, she maintained a fondness for the town and the people and is excited to return in her new role. Harty brings a wealth of experience with her to Wilmington, and most recently served as the Head of Technical and Adult Services at the Ipswich Public Library.
(Courtesy photo)

News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

NEW PROGRAMMING JUST FOR YOU!

Under the Lights Bonus Feature — Frangos Fingers with Allard, Matton and Holleran

Days before the official start of the preseason and Wilmington football's first practice, Wildcats' players Colin Allard, Noah Matton and Mark Holleran sat down with Under the Lights creator Sam Perkins at Frangos Chicken Fingers — known around town as the spot for high schoolers to grab a bite and hangout. The trio talked about how they were feeling about the start of practice and the upcoming season. They also shared how each of them picked up the game, and which players looked poised to have breakout seasons. Varsity veterans Matton and Allard shared their advice for Holleran, a sophomore stepping into the starting quarterback spot.

Wilmington Boys V arsity Football vs Medford High (Scrimmage/Full Game)

WCTV was on the field at the boys varsity vs Medford High scrimmage on Aug. 30, 2024 to catch all of the action. Special thanks to our commentators Braedon Almas, Jim Boyle and John Spenser, as well as our camera operators Aza, Jack S, Jack D, and Bill.

*These programs can be viewed on WCTV channels or on WCTV's Youtube channel: WCTV Wilmington.

Meetings covered by WCTV:

Monday Sept. 9, 7 p.m. Select Board

View on: Verizon channel 38 and Comcast channel 22

Wednesday Sept. 11, 7 p.m. School Committee

View on: Verizon channel 38 and Comcast channel 22

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Access Channel: Verizon 38, Comcast 6.

To watch programs On-Demand or for more information check us out at *WCTV.org*.

WCTV is located at 10 Waltham St., Wilmington

Office hours by appointment: (978) 657-4066.

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Lifestyle

Visit Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming

By PAIGE IMPINK
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America's first national park is a bucket-list destination for many travelers. The massive 2.2 million acre park sits mainly in Wyoming, with edges reaching into Montana and Idaho. Set aside by President Ulysses S. Grant in 1872, the park set the standard for preservation of natural spaces for generations to enjoy.

Yellowstone, named for the Yellowstone River, is a giant supervolcano. Over 631,000 years ago, a huge eruption formed what is now the park, much of which rests in a huge caldera or basin. The park is full of geothermal features, including its famous geysers, steam vents or fumaroles, mud pots, and hot springs.

The park is surprisingly accessible with just two major ring roads creating upper and lower loops. These roads were originally old animal paths and later stagecoach trails through the park. For modern travelers, the roads are paved and dotted with numerous pull outs for visitors to view wildlife, take a short stroll into the woods, or have a picnic.

Cell service is not widely available in the park so any visit requires a bit of planning such as downloading maps to a phone or tablet in advance. Good old fashioned paper maps are also helpful and easily obtained in the park.

Yellowstone has five entrances, each with its own gateway communities. Popular bases outside the park are Gardiner, Montana in the north and West Yellowstone, Montana to the west. There are also numerous options inside the park ranging from camp sites to the historic Old Faithful Inn, but reservations fill up quickly and bookings are advised a year in advance.

The park, though large, is doable in just a few days and is family friendly. On our visit we saw every age from newborn to seniors, single travelers to large family groupings, and travelers from around the globe.

The park's main features are all mostly able to be viewed via an extensive network of boardwalks. Visitors can walk amongst bubbling geysers and hissing steam vents for as long or as little as they choose. One note: since the park is thermal, the superheated steam carries minerals and bacteria from deep in the earth. This superheating creates sulfur gases, lending a very eggy smell that pervades the experience.

Additionally, the boardwalks put visitors right next to extremely delicate ecosystems; there are many warnings to not step off the trail so as not to get injured or damage the sensitive areas surrounding these natural wonders.

Did you know the Continental Divide runs right through Yellowstone? The crest of the continent is the point at which precipitation runs to the Atlantic Ocean or the Pacific Ocean. Only Isa Lake, at the highest point at Craig Pass, defies this as it straddles the divide, with the east side draining to the Pacific and the west side draining to the Atlantic during high snow melt times. Talk about cool things to see!

▲ The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone is an impressive series of waterfalls that also showcase the geologic layers of the gorge. Upper and lower falls have staircases which allow visitors to get right up close with the river. (Paige Impink photos)

▲ Bison roam Yellowstone, including right along the roadways. A strict speed limit protects animals and humans.

In addition to all of the geological features, the animals are also stars of the show. Yellowstone is known for its amazing and diverse animal population thanks to all of the different habitats spread over its vast landscape. The iconic bison, elusive bears, resurgent wolves, and scores of birds, small mammals, insects and rodents are all part of the experience.

Bring binoculars to watch for movement at dusk along the tree line, or get caught in a "bison jam" as visitors pump the brakes and allow the American buffalo, dubbed "fluffy cows," to cross the road. But make no mistake, Yellowstone is not a zoo.

Animals are wild and unpredictable. Visitors are cautioned to keep a safe distance, and rangers are usually onsite at many of the more active areas such as the Hayden and Lamar valleys to monitor human to animal interactions. Speeds are intentionally low to protect the wildlife from accidents.

Yellowstone has 10 visitor centers, most with interpretive exhibits, rest rooms, water bottle filling stations, and gift shops. Food service in the park is plentiful, with options from fast food to gourmet dining with a view. Many visitors bring picnic lunches and enjoy the scenery though it is recommended to keep car windows closed and not leave food out for too long, lest bears or other wildlife become interested.

So, consider making Yellowstone one of the next great adventures you take. You won't be disappointed.

Nps.gov/yell

IRCC announces open auditions for tenors, basses

NORTH READING — The Ipswich River Community Chorus fall season begins Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. with an open rehearsal. The chorus will be performing its holiday concert, "An Americana Holiday," on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 15 at 4 p.m. and will be directed by Katherine B. Foley and accompanied by Miles Goldberg.

This season's holiday concert will include music selections 'Mary Did you Know,' 'Go Where I Send Thee,' 'Jingle Bells,' 'Light One Candle,' 'Rise Up Shepherd,' 'Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth,' 'White Christmas,' 'Go Tell it on the Mountain,' and many more.

Rehearsals and concerts take place at the North Reading Union Congregational Church, 148 Haverhill St., North Reading, MA 01864

If you or anyone you know loves to sing and is a Tenor or Bass, this is the perfect time to come and check out the chorus; please note that we are not looking for Sopranos or Altos at this time.

Additional open rehearsals will be held on Monday, Sept. 16 and 23, please arrive by 7 p.m. to register. All other rehearsals are on Monday 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

We are a four-part harmony community chorus, whose members reside in many area towns, from Burlington to Beverly. The ability to read music is not required; we provide rehearsal tracks to practice with. No audition is required.

We hope to welcome you in September! Questions can be emailed to *Ipswichrivercommunitychorus@gmail.com*. And please visit us online at *ipswichrivercommunitychorus.org* and *YouTub @ipswichrivercommunitychorus.*

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Gov. Healey proclaims September as 'Emergency Preparedness Month'

FRAMINGHAM — Governor Maura Healey has declared September 2024 as Emergency Preparedness Month to highlight the importance of emergency preparedness and to encourage planning for disasters and other types of emergencies.

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), and other state, local, and nonprofit agencies will promote preparedness through various public outreach efforts throughout the month.

These efforts are part of a month-long national campaign themed "This is why I prepare." The goal is to personalize the reasons why local leaders and officials prepare for emergencies while encouraging others to do the same.

"Lieutenant Governor Driscoll and I have visited communities across Massachusetts impacted by the devastating effects of severe flooding and other significant weather events. We know that emergency readiness is essential to our collective ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from hazards and threats," said Governor Healey. "After the floods experienced by Massachusetts communities in 2023, I proposed and the Legislature enacted Massachusetts' first Disaster Relief and Resilience Fund to increase support for municipalities and strengthen resiliency statewide. During preparedness month, I encourage all residents to assess their readiness and rely on the many resources available to prepare for the unexpected."

"The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, Department of Public Health, and other public safety agencies collaborate closely with Massachusetts communities and across all levels of federal, state, and local government to increase our readiness amid evolving threats to our landscape," said Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll. "Emergency Preparedness Month provides an opportunity to build upon our strong partnerships and continue the important work of preparing for the unexpected."

"Preparedness is vital to recovery and resilience. Emergency Preparedness Month reminds us about the importance of taking proactive steps to protect loved ones and reduce the impacts of an emergency or disaster," said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy. "I'm grateful to MEMA and our many public health and safety partners for their dedication to enhancing statewide readiness and providing Massachusetts residents with essential preparedness planning resources."

"Before, during, or after a disaster, it's important to be a good neighbor and to help one another," said MEMA Director Dawn Brantley. "During Emergency Preparedness Month, ask how you can help a loved one or member of your community prepare, especially those who may be more vulnerable due to a disability, age, or medical conditions."

"No matter what the disaster may be, our commitment is to work with and support communities, providing them the resources and services to effectively respond and swiftly recover," said Massachusetts Commissioner of Public Health Robbie Goldstein, MD, PhD. "To protect public health and safety we must engage with the community, foster resilience, and focus on equity and humanity. The importance of preparation cannot be overstated, and all of us share in this responsibility."

Throughout September, MEMA and DPH will share information on their social media accounts about emergency preparedness topics, including emergency planning, building an emergency kit, preparing for disasters, youth preparedness, ways to get involved in community preparedness, and more.

Visit *Mass.gov/ready* to find emergency preparedness tips available in several different languages, safety tips for specific threats and hazards, preparedness resources from the MEMA, DPH, and the Massachusetts Office on Disability, and other information.

September is College Fire Safety Month

STOW — With thousands of new and returning college students settling into dorms, apartments, and other living spaces, Massachusetts fire officials are reminding them, their resident advisors, and others to be sure they have working smoke alarms, carbon monoxide (CO) alarms, and two ways out in an emergency.

As Massachusetts kicks of College Fire Safety Month, State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine said 2,538 fires occurred in college dormitories, fraternities, and sororities in Massachusetts between 2019 and 2023. These fires caused three civilian injuries, 11 fire service injuries, and more than $2.5 million in estimated damages. More campus fires were reported in September than in any other month, and unsafe cooking practices were the most common cause.

He said fire officials are also concerned about fire safety in apartments and other types of off-campus student housing, where two Massachusetts college students died in separate, unrelated fires in 2013. Statewide, almost 50% of residential fires in Massachusetts take place in apartment buildings and other multi-family dwellings.

"It doesn't matter whether you live in a dorm, apartment, Greek housing, or one- or two-family home," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "Everyone should have working smoke and CO alarms on every level of their residence, and test them monthly to be sure they're working properly. Never, ever disable an alarm, and don't waste precious time retrieving personal belongings if you hear it sound — just get out, stay out, and call 9-1-1."

"If you've just moved into a new living space, take some time to identify two ways out of your unit and the building — and two ways out of each room, if possible," said Foxborough Fire Chief Michael Kelleher, president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts. "Plan and practice your escape routes before you need to use them in an emergency. Today's residential fires burn faster than ever before, and they create toxic smoke that can travel throughout the home. A practiced home escape plan could save your life."

While September has been designated as College Fire Safety Month, State Fire Marshal Davine and Chief Kelleher said fire safety should be a priority all year long. Windows, doors, and stairways should always be clear of boxes, furniture, bicycles, and any other obstructions so you can escape and firefighters can enter in an emergency. Fire doors should never be blocked or propped open.

Working alarms, clear exit routes, and practicing a plan for using them are crucial for when a fire breaks out, but students can also take steps to prevent them from starting in the first place:

Cooking: Stand by your pan! Don't leave pots and pans unattended on a lit stovetop, and keep flammable items away from burners. In the event of a grease fire, smother the flames with a lid and then turn off the heat. Cook only when you're alert, not when you're drowsy or impaired.

Lithium-Ion Batteries: Use the charging equipment provided by the manufacturer and disconnect it when the device is charged. Charge phones, laptops, e-cigarettes, e-bike batteries, and other devices on a hard and stable surface — never a bed, couch, or pillow. If you notice an unusual odor, change in color, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises, stop using the device right away. If you can do so safely, move it away from anything that can burn and call your local fire department.

Smoking: There is no safe way to smoke, but if you must smoke then do it responsibly. Don't flick cigarettes or other smoking materials on the ground, where they can smolder and ignite debris, or grind them out on porches or steps. Use a heavy ashtray on a sturdy surface and put it out, all the way, every time.

Electrical: Always plug appliances such as air conditioners and space heaters into wall sockets that can handle the current, not power strips or extension cords. Don't overload outlets with multiple devices.

Heating: Turn space heaters off when leaving the room or going to sleep. Never leave a space heater unattended.

Candles: Never leave candles burning unattended. Extinguish them before leaving the room. Even better, switch to battery-powered candles.

For more fire safety tips for both on and off campus, visit *www.mass.gov/dfs*.

Harold Parker annual fishing festival

NORTH ANDOVER — All programs are free and open to the public. Bring water, wear sunscreen, dress in layers, and wear appropriate footwear. An adult must accompany children.

For more information visit: *https://www.mass.gov/locations/harold-parker-state-forest*

Harold Parker Annual Fishing Festival

Saturday, Sept. 14, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Join us at Sudden Pond for a day of fishing for all ages! This event is perfect for anglers of any experience level. Cast a line, learn about the fish in our waters, safety, and equipment. MassWildlife Angler Education Volunteer Instructors will be on hand to assist. Equipment is provided, but feel free to bring your own. No license required.

Sudden Pond is located near 18 Middleton Road in North Andover. Signs will be posted from park entrances. Wheelchair accessible. Reasonable accommodations upon request.

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), an agency of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, oversees 450,000 acres of parks and forests, beaches, bike trails, watersheds, dams, and parkways.

Led by Commissioner Brian Arrigo, the agency's mission is to protect, promote, and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural, and recreational resources.

To learn more about DCR, our facilities, and our programs, please visit *www.mass.gov/dcr*.

State wins $20M in federal funding to support family shelter costs

BOSTON — Governor Maura Healey is today thanking the Biden-Harris administration for awarding Massachusetts more than $20 million from FEMA's Shelter and Services Program to support family shelter costs. The award includes $15,408,787 in competitive funding and $4,896,807.87 in reserve funding.

The Healey-Driscoll administration filed the application in June with the City of Boston. This is the largest award Massachusetts has won from this program to date, as the state and city previously won a total of $9 million.

"Massachusetts urgently needs federal support as we work to meet unprecedented demand on our family shelter system as a result of a surge in immigrant families arriving in our state. We're grateful to the Biden-Harris administration and FEMA for this $20 million award and to the City of Boston and our Congressional delegation for their partnership and support," said Governor Maura Healey. "The Biden-Harris administration has taken important steps to address this federal problem in light of Congress's failure to act, and they are seeing results with illegal border crossings down significantly. But more needs to be done. Congress needs to step up and pass the bipartisan border security agreement."

The Healey-Driscoll administration will use the federal funding to support its temporary respite centers. The City of Boston will receive $1,349,531.24 from the award.

'I never explicitly state what I'm writing about'

Author Lamar Giles writes YA thrillers, short stories, and graphic novels. His latest, Ruin Road, launches on Sept. 17 and is his first effort to embrace the supernatural.

Host Eileen MacDougall welcomes Lamar back for his seventh Book Stew episode and a discussion of this work, which has already ascended to the top of recommended reading lists for the fall.

Lamar's expertise and knowledge of his audience creates a dynamic story of a high school football prospect, Cade, whose private school and neighborhood constantly clash. Cade's visit to a creepy pawnshop triggers a series of alarming events, one involving a New England Patriots Superbowl ring.

Please check out the new Book Stew episode on WCTV on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m., and Saturdays at noon. Click on the links and enjoy!

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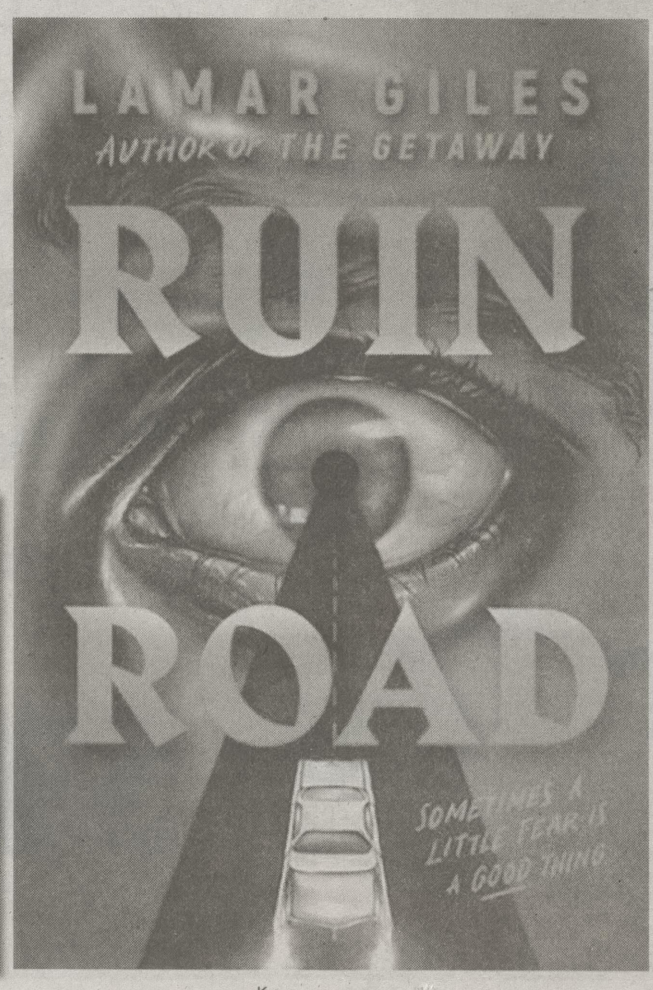

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OBITUARY

Jean M. (Ostler) Twombly

Enjoyed quilting and crafting

Jean M. Twombly (Ostler), age 79, a longtime resident of Wilmington, passed away at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington on Aug. 30, 2024, surrounded by her family.

Jean was born in Cambridge on Feb. 16, 1945; she was the cherished daughter of the late Donald and Mary (Moore) Ostler. She was raised and educated in Medford and was a graduate of Medford High School with the class of 1963.

Jean married Thomas Twombly in 1966; the couple moved to Wilmington in 1971 where they raised three wonderful daughters. Jean loved her new home across from Silver Lake and fit right into her new community.

Jean was a devoted mother and grandmother. She got a big kick out of each of her grandchildren claiming to be "the favorite." She never missed a school or sporting event and looked forward to every opportunity to bring her family together.

Jean thoroughly enjoyed every holiday from her talented decorating skills or her holiday "attire" she went all out and made celebrating fun. Jean loved to shop; she was very generous to others and so thoughtful when it came to giving gifts. Jean carefully chose items that she knew her family and friends would cherish; she made everything special.

Prior to retiring, Jean worked at Madico Inc in Woburn for 28 years. Jean loved her job and enjoyed working with her international customers as an Export Customer Service Rep. Jean loved her coworkers who in no time became her extended family. She was always willing to help them out especially with football pools.

In her spare time, Jean enjoyed quilting and crafting or heading out to play the lottery and her daily numbers just to "try her luck."

Jean always did consider herself a lucky person; she was very grateful for her life, her family, her friends, and the opportunities she had throughout her life. She will be fondly remembered as a wonderful lady who was very kind to others; she was a social butterfly who made everyone feel loved and included.

Jean showered her family and extended family with unconditional love; they were her world, and she will forever live on in their hearts.

Jean always said she was in touch with the other side so everyone should look forward to staying connected to her and watch for her signs.

Jean was the beloved wife of Thomas E. Twombly, devoted mother of Brenda Golden and her husband Michael of Windham, NH, Christine Twombly and her husband Richard Feindel of Plaistow, NH, and Jill Meuse of Windham, NH.

Loving "Gram" of Taylor Banghart and fiancé Maxwell George, Connor Golden and partner Elizabeth Lahti, Fallon Golden and partner Patrick Titus, Benjamin Meuse and Eliza Meuse.

Dear sister of the late Donald Ostler and the late Janet Brussard. She is further survived by her nieces, nephews, and friends.

Family and friends will gather for Visiting Hours on Thursday, Sept. 5 from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington. All are welcome to a Celebration of Jean's life at the Funeral Home on Friday, Sept. 6 at 10 a.m. followed by her interment in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Donations in Jean's memory may be made to the MSPCA at Nevins Farm, 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at *www.nicholsfuneralhome.com*

(Courtesy photo)

Wilmington Farmers Market to host pet parade

WILMINGTON — Ever wondered if your cat could rock a tutu? Or if Mr. Whiskers could pull off a top hat? Well, wonder no more! The Wilmington Farmers Market is excited to announce a one-of-a-kind Pet Parade where our beloved furry friends — and even stuffed animals — will strut their stuff in style.

Join us on Sunday, Sept. 8 at the Wilmington Farmers Market for a delightful day filled with unique vendors, delicious local produce, and most importantly, the unforgettable sight of pets and stuffed animals taking the spotlight in their most fashionable outfits.

From dogs donning bow ties to cats flaunting tutus, this event promises to be a heartwarming and hilarious experience for pet lovers and families alike. And if you don't have a pet? No problem!

Bring along your favorite stuffed animal to join the parade and compete for fun prizes. Be ready for endless 'oohs' and 'aahs' as each participant parades in their finest attire. Whether you're a long-time market-goer or just looking for a fun weekend outing, the Pet Parade is an event you won't want to miss!

EVENT DETAILS:

Date: Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024

Time: Parade begins at noon

Location: Wilmington Farmers Market on Town Common - 161 Church St.

WINNING CATEGORIES:

- Best Costume (Best Dressed)
- Best Not in Costume (Cutest)
- Best Stuffed Animal (Cuddliest)
- Fan Favorite (Best in Show)

Come for the local vendors, stay for the fun, and enjoy a day of fashion, fur, and community spirit! Whether your pet is a seasoned fashionista, trying on their first accessory, or you're dressing up a beloved stuffed animal, we welcome all participants to join the festivities.

For more information or to register your pet or stuffed animal for the parade, please visit the yellow tent on Sept. 8.

Let's make it a purr-fect day at the Wilmington Farmers Market!

ABOUT WILMINGTON FARMERS MARKET:

The Wilmington Farmers Market Association is a group of volunteers dedicated to bringing a farmers market to our town every summer. The Market was started in 2010 and continues to grow each year.

The Market is located on the town common across from the high school located at 161 Church St. The Association's mission is:

To provide a place where community members can purchase fresh produce directly from local New England Farmers.

To provide a diverse and interesting selection of locally grown fruits and vegetables, and locally produced goods.

To educate our community about the importance of sustainable agriculture.

To partner with local organizations such as the library, area health centers and fitness organizations to promote education about healthy eating.

To provide a self-sustaining social experience and to foster a sense of community in Wilmington.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendments Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, Section 5

The Planning Board of the Town of Tewksbury will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the Town's Zoning Bylaws as submitted for the October 1, 2024 Special Town Meeting. The public hearing will be held as follows:

Place:
Town of Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA
Date:
Monday, September 23, 2024
Time: 7:05 p.m.

The subject matter of the proposed amendments is indicated below. The complete text and maps relative to the proposed amendments is available for inspection during regular business hours at the following locations: Town Clerk's Office and Community Development Office, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA and the Town's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov.

Article
To see if the Town of Tewksbury will vote to amend the Tewksbury Zoning By-laws Chapter 5, Section 5.4.3 Appendix A, Table of Use Section A.2.C, to allow for diverse housing uses by Special Permit of the Planning Board.

Article
To see if the Town of Tewksbury will vote to amends the Tewksbury Zoning By-laws Chapter 5, Section 5.3.3 by modifying Minimum/Maximum Front Setbacks for non-Major Projects and modify footnote "C" to establish minimum front yard setback in the Town Center District.

Article
To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Tewksbury Zoning Map dated October 2023 for revised boundaries to the SDBA Plume Area and Buffer Zone Overlay Districts.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

240926 9/5, 12/24

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **September 18, 2024, at 6:30 P.M., located at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street,** for a RDA application filed by Joseph Charbonier for Removal of trees within 100' of a Bordering Vegetative Wetland within 200' of a River.

The property subject to this application is located at **110 BRECKENRIDGE RD TEWKSBURY, MA, ASSESSOR'S MAP 111-69.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Daniel Ronan
Chair

240914 9/5/24

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **September 18, 2024, at 6:30 P.M., located at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street,** for a NOI application filed by Maureen Herald for raze a single-family dwelling and a garage and construct a new single-family, patio and associated grading within 100" of resource area.

The property subject to this application is located at **110 ARKANSAS RD TEWKSBURY, MA, ASSESSOR'S MAP 82-167.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Daniel Ronan
Chair

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

FAMILY SUITE SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **September 23, 2024 at 7:00 PM** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Danielle Noseworthy for a Family Suite Special Permit pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct an addition to the single family dwelling for a family suite as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 170 Charles Drive, Assessor's Map 7, Lot 26, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

240905 9/5,9/12

'A Journey Through the Roots of American Popular Music' at Wilmington library

WILMINGTON — On Thursday, Sept. 19, Jon Waterman will perform "A Journey through the Roots of American Popular Music" at Wilmington Memorial Library on 175 Middlesex Ave. in Wilmington at 2:30 p.m.

The program consists of original and traditional songs and history, and explores some of the fascinating characters and events at the roots of the blues, country, rock and other genres of American popular music. The show also touches on the darker side of American popular music as well as how music helps shape our identity as a people.

Jon has performed his music and history programs in venues throughout New England as part of a series called Live Music Making History Live. The series was designed to encourage the celebration and exploration of history through music.

Jon is a lifetime musician and songwriter and licensed history teacher in the state. The program is supported in part by a grant from the Wilmington Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405

Docket No. MI24P4571PM

In the matter of:
Beverly Peluso
Of: Wilmington, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Minuteman Senior Services of Burlington MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Beverly Peluso** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Kimberly Kelly of Stoneham, MA, MA, (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **With Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **09/24/2024.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 27, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

240927 9/5/24

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

Docket No. MI24P4570GD

In the matter of:
Beverly Peluso
Of: Wilmington, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Minuteman Senior Services of Burlington, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Beverly Peluso** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Kimberly Kelly of Stoneham, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **09/24/2024.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 27, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

240928 9/5/24

LEGAL NOTICE

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING
Project File No. 608703

A Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Bridge Replacement, W-38-029 (2KV), ST129 Lowell Street over I 93 project in Wilmington, MA.

WHEN: Wednesday September 18, 2024 @ 6:30 P.M.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed bridge replacement project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of replacing Bridge No. W-38-029 (2KV) carrying Route 129 (Lowell Street) over I-93 in the Town of Wilmington. The existing four span bridge will be replaced with a two span structure of approximately the same overall length. The new bridge cross section will consist of a 6'-0 sidewalks, a 5'-0" bike lane with 2'-0" buffers and an 11'-0" travel lanes, in each direction. This sidewalk and roadway configuration will continue in the approaches for approximately 100' on the east side and 75' on the west side of the bridge, before tying back into the existing roadway. The bridge replacement will be done using staged construction so that one lane of bi-directional traffic is always maintained. Bike and Pedestrian accommodations have been provided in accordance with applicable design guides.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands however currently no rights in private land are required to complete this project. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to massdotmajorprojects@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 7210, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Major Projects, Project File No. 608703. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after the hearing is hosted.

This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g. interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the hearing, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing.

This hearing will be hosted, or a cancellation announcement posted, on the internet at https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events.

JONATHAN GULLIVER
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR
CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E.
CHIEF ENGINEER

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Docket No. MI24C0663CA

In the matter of:
Brady Michael Emery

A **Petition to Change Name of Minor** has been filed by **Brady Michael Emery** of **Wilmington MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree changing their name to:
Brady Michael DeMaggio

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Middlesex Probate and Family Court** before **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/20/2024.**
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 23, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

240925 9/5/24

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI24P4438EA

Estate of:
Mark R. Sullivan
Date of Death: 05/31/2024

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Maureen E. Zonghetti** of **Andover MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Maureen E. Zonghetti** of **Andover MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/18/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 21, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION

1777 MAIN STREET TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS RTN 3-38287

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. On 22 August 2024, MAR-BURG 1777, LLC recorded with the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds and registered with the Land Registration Office of the Middlesex North Registry District a **NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION** on the disposal site, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1074.

The **NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION** will limit the following activities and uses on the properties

Any residential use, schools, daycare, or nursery, without additional assessment of soil gas and groundwater and if necessary, implementation of vapor mitigation measures designed and overseen by a LSP, and

New building construction or expansion of the existing building footprints at ground floor level that does not implement vapor mitigation measures to the extent necessary to maintain a condition of No Significant Risk.

Any person interested in obtaining additional information about the **NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION** may contact Keith Johnson of Haley & Aldrich, Inc., 465 Medford Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02129, 617-886-7400.

The **NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION** and the disposal site files can be viewed at the MassDEP website at using RTN 3-38287 at https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/portal#!/search/wastesite or at MassDEP Northeast Regional Office at 150 Presidential Way, Woburn, Massachusetts, 01801.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. M124P3445EA

Estate of: Mary E. Belanger
Date of Death: 02/23/2024

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **S/A – Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Charlene D Voyer** of **Dracut MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Charlene D Voyer** of **Dracut MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/18/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 21, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

WILMINGTON TOWN HALL 121 GLEN ROAD WILMINGTON, MA 01887

ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT HARNDEN TAVERN WILMINGTON

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for furnishing the following item will be received at the Office of the Town Manager, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, until the time specified below at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read **Roof Replacement Project, Harnden Tavern, September 19, 2024 @ 10:00 AM**

Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a BID BOND, CASH, or, CERTIFIED CHECK issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price.

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained electronically by visiting the Town of Wilmington website (http://www.wilmington-ma.gov/purchasing-department). Only after subscribing electronically, hard copies of the documents may be obtained from the Socotec AE Consulting, LLC., 74 Hood Park Drive, Suite 300, Charlestown MA, 02129, Andrew.Barr@socotec.us, for a non-refundable fee of $100, plus $35 for mailing (checks shall be made payable to Socotec AE Consulting, LLC.).

Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit will be held at the Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St, Wilmington, MA on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 9:00 AM.

A payment (labor and materials) bond in an amount equal to 50 percent of the total amount of the contract price with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including G.L. c.30, § §39M, as amended. Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.

The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

R. Eric Slagle
Town Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

WILMINGTON TOWN HALL 121 GLEN ROAD WILMINGTON, MA 01887

WINDOW REPLACEMENT PROJECT HARNDEN TAVERN WILMINGTON

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for furnishing the following item will be received at the Office of the Town Manager, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, until the time specified below at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read **Window Replacement Project, Harnden Tavern, September 19, 2024 @ 11:00 AM**

Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a BID BOND or CERTIFIED CHECK issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price.

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained electronically by visiting the Town of Wilmington website (http://www.wilmington-ma.gov/purchasing-department). Only after subscribing electronically, hard copies of the documents may be obtained from the **Socotec AE Consulting, LLC., 74 Hood Park Drive, Suite 300, Charlestown MA, 02129, Andrew.Barr@socotec.us**, for a non-refundable fee of $100, plus $35 for mailing (checks shall be made payable to Socotec AE Consulting, LLC.).

Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit will be held at the Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St, Wilmington, MA on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

A performance bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total amount of the contract price with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, as well as a labor and materials bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total contract price.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including G.L. c.149, § §44A through 44H, as amended.

Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive.

Attention is further directed to the requirements of G.L. c.149, §44D requiring submission of a Division of Capital Asset Management Approved Certificate of Eligibility and Update Statement with all bids. The DCAMM Prime Contractor Certification shall be GENERAL CONTRACTING.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.

The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

R. Eric Slagle
Town Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON

Docket No. MI23P5521 GD

In the Interests of:
Miguel Gonzalez
Of: Tewksbury, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/
Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Stephanie Biggs of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Accept the Resignation of the Guardian of the Respondent

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **09/18/2024.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 21, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
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Upcoming local events

September 7, Come one, come all!! Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy & Wildcat Band Parents FLEA MARKET from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Wilmington Town Common parking lot, $20 per SPACE; sell all your treasures. For more info or to rent a spot contact: *jromano45@gmail.com* or call (617) 750-9749

September 11, Tewksbury Garden Club kick-off meeting, 7 p.m., Senior Center, *tewksburygardenclub.com*

September 15, Family Day at Northeast Christian Church, 12 - 4 p.m., Bouncy houses, food, games. Public invited. 995 Andover St.

September 17, Free Community Dinner, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Tewksbury Congregational Church, 10 East St. Drive through or stay and visit.

September 28, Community Health Fair, 30th Anniversary free health screenings, giveaways, meet your state representatives, learn about public health, Public Health Museum, 365 East St., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free

September 29, Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library, Bowl-a-thon at Wamesit Lanes, 6-9 p.m. $30 per person or $150 for a team of six includes two hours of lane rental, shoe rental, pizza and unlimited soft drinks. Tickets may be purchased online at the Friends website, *https://www.friendstplibrary.org/bowlathonwamesit*

October 1, Candlelight Overdose Vigil, 6 p.m. name signing of loved ones lost, 6:30 p.m. start of vigil. Tewksbury Hospital, 365 East St., Tewksbury.

Thursdays, Saturdays, and the first Sunday of the month, Public Health Museum, 365 East St., Open for indoor and campus tours. Check website for times. *Publichealthmuseum.org*

Book Store Next Door, **Wednesdays and Saturdays**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Wilmington Public Library. All proceeds help support library programs. Next to Wilmington Public Library.

Sundays, Lowell Streetcar Museum, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Adults $3, seniors and youth age 3-12 $2, children under 3 are free. Cash only. 25 Shattuck St., Lowell.

Wilmington Town Musum, **Mondays and Tuesdays**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St. (Route 62), Wilmington

Middlesex Canal Museum, **Saturdays and Sundays**, noon - 4 p.m., 71 Faulkner St., North Billerica.

General election races take shape

PRIMARY FROM PAGE 1

to campaign and prepare.

As with this primary, voting will happen at various precincts. Precincts 1 and 2 will vote at the Boutwell School at 17 Boutwell St., precincts 3 and 4 will vote at Wilmington High School at 159 Church St., and precincts 5 and 6 will vote at Town Hall, which is at 121 Glen Road.

Board doesn't vote yet on candidate for finance director

FINANCE FROM PAGE 1

▲ The Select Board ended the month of August by interviewing Stephanie Frontiera (left) for the position of finance director/town accountant. The town's previous finance director left in February.

(Courtesy photo)

could work with financial institutions in this position to regulate funding and retain the town's triple A bond rating.

She replied saying that she did believe she could. She mentioned that she helped to get West Newbury's bond rating up to triple A and focused a lot of work on keeping their balances level-funded. She said that she would be willing to find other avenues of staying financially stable or state when she felt certain spending wasn't a good idea.

Bendel addressed the town's free cash and capital stabilization funds amounting to over $30 million. He asked how Frontiera would reply to residents who ask about using free cash for a particular project.

She answered that she tries to explain things in a way that those without finance backgrounds can understand. For example, she mentioned reasons to retain free cash at a certain percentage to maintain their bond rating, and going below a certain percentage may change the town's financial picture.

She went on to explain that she had looked over the town's financial statements and budgets and noticed that the town often receives more revenues than projected.

Bendel asked about her experience on the school side and how that may be a positive. Frontiera shared that she could better understand requests from the school department and what was necessary.

Slagle asked about her comfort level stepping into this community. Frontiera shared excitement for being able to use the town's financial software MUNIS, in which she had experience setting up, training new staff, and working within the individual modules.

West asked if Frontiera had Massachusetts Municipal Auditor and Accountants' Association Certificate and Massachusetts Certified Procurement Officer certifications. Frontiera replied that she had the former but not the latter, and she would be willing to seek it if necessary.

Maselli asked about her experience working with finance committees. Frontiera said that she has had many great interactions with finance committees.

DePalma wondered if she would be biased to the school department or the town, and she replied that she would look at the big picture and do what's best for the town's budget.

Bendel lastly asked about her private sector experience. Frontiera described that she worked at State Street Bank for about 10 years, where she learned skills including hard work, multi-tasking, and time management before she was able to step into a position in Ipswich where she could give back to her community. She also added that she had been considering the role for awhile and she felt she was a great fit for Wilmington.

Bendel said that the board would check Frontiera's references and she would likely hear from the town manager in the near future.

The meeting adjourned into executive session including for purposes of discussing strategies for collective bargaining and negotiations with nonunion personnel for the position of finance director.

The board's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m.

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Ice Bucket Challenge celebrates 10 years

▲ A tireless advocate for ALS awareness and philanthropic efforts to support research for a cure, the late Pete Frates was a driving force behind one of history's first global viral internet phenomena. Above, the St. John's Prep graduate participated in the Ice Bucket Challenge at Fenway Park in August 2014 accompanied by his brother, Andrew (kneeling), along with (second row, left to right) his wife Julie, mother Nancy, father John, daughter Lucy, and sister Jenn, as well as (background) Red Sox mascot Wally the Green Monster and then-Boston manager John Farrell. (Courtesy photo)

DANVERS — The summer of 2014 remains uniquely notable thanks to a powerful we-are-the-world moment when a heartwarming cultural phenomenon known as the Ice Bucket Challenge captured the planet's attention in the fight against amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). On Thursday, in a chilly celebration of 2003 graduate's stunning legacy, St. John's Prep commemorated one of its most influential alumni at Pete Frates '03 Diamond by replicating the viral challenge popularized by the late Pete Frates a decade ago.

"Family is the story of the Prep and those who came before, those here now and those to follow will leave here prepared to do good," said Nancy Frates, Pete's mother and CEO of the Frates Family Foundation, who was among the 500 attendees participating in Thursday's challenge. "How to do it is your decision. God had other plans for Pete, but he relied on the preparation he received at St. John's to become his best self, live out his goodness and build this legacy."

In late July of 2014, Frates learned about the ice-bucket challenge from his friend Pat Quinn, deceased at 37 due to complications from ALS in 2020, who wanted to leverage the trend into a fundraiser for the disease. As is now well known, the stunt involves people making a video of themselves dumping a bucket of ice water on their heads, posting it on Facebook, Instagram or other social media sites, and then challenging friends to do the same within 24 hours or donate $100 to ALS (most do both).

Frates nominated himself for the challenge, tagged some friends, and the theme spread rapidly in Boston-area social circles, before lighting up the web in August of that year, inspiring people like Bill Gates, LeBron James, Taylor Swift and Leonardo DiCaprio to dump a bucket of ice on their heads and speak out for his cause.

"Pete will always be an amazing role model of faith, resilience, perseverance, inspiration, and servant-leadership," said Head of School Dr. Ed Hardiman P'19 '21 '26. "He is beloved by our community and the world for his courage and commitment to serving as a warrior for the common good. The loss of Pete at such a young age is tragic. His strength, selflessness, and determination to change the trajectory of ALS research is a legacy that has already changed lives. The Prep community is committed to sharing Pete's story and empowering our students to carry on Pete's legacy of servant leadership and advocacy."

More than 1.2 million Ice Bucket Challenge videos were shared on Facebook in the weeks after Frates' initial stunt, and the topic was mentioned more than 2.2 million times on Twitter from July 29 to August 17, 2014. The ALS Association picked up 260,000 new donors in 19 days. According to DMR Statistics, Ice Bucket Challenge You Tube videos exceeded one billion views across 153 countries in 2014. Facebook video views eclipsed 10 billion, including 440 million posts featuring an ice bucket challenge.

Frates, a Beverly man who succumbed to ALS at 34 in 2019, became the talisman of a movement. The virtual challenge gained global momentum, raising more than $159 million for the ALS Association in 2014 and paving the way for advanced funding commitments into research, drug therapy development and clinical access in the United States and beyond. Since that time, donations from the Ice Bucket Challenge and multiple charitable initiatives in association with "Team Frate Train," Pete Frates #3, and others have raised nearly $1 billion. What became the Frates Family Foundation has increased funding for ALS research by 187 percent, supporting 550 projects in the United States and 18 other countries.

"For me, today is a full-circle event," said Mike Pitt, a 2004 graduate of St. John's and Executive Director of the Frates Family Foundation. "I met Pete for the first time just beyond that outfield wall for freshman football practice. Pete had compassion when he got here, but the Prep nurtured that and cultivated it and ultimately, it bloomed into the Ice Bucket Challenge and the movement we're commemorating today."

GAME-CHANGER

A three-sport standout in football, baseball, and hockey at St. John's Prep, Frates received the Athletic Director's Award as a senior and was inducted into the School's Athletics Hall of Fame in 2012. He played four years in center field at Boston College and captained the BC Eagles as a college senior in 2007, graduating with a bachelor's degree in communications. In March 2012, at the age of 27, he was diagnosed with ALS, a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. Frates responded by building a legacy of philanthropy and humanitarianism, living life courageously in the face of peril and boldly in his compassion for others.

Officially, the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge was co-founded in 2014 by Frates, Quinn and the late Anthony Senerchia, who passed away from ALS complications at age 46 in November of 2017. In August of that year, then-Governor Charlie Baker signed an act declaring the first week of every August "Ice Bucket Challenge Week" in Massachusetts to "annually honor the contributions of Pete Frates and his family, and raise awareness and resources for those battling ALS."

In September of 2017, with Frates in his sixth year of battling the disease, ForeEdge Books released Challenge, a book about Frates, his family, and how they inspired the 2014 Ice Bucket Challenge. One of the final statutory acts of the 116th Congress in 2020 was to push through a legislative initiative that launched in Frates' living room in 2016. The ALS Disability Insurance Access Act, now federal law, ensures that those diagnosed with the degenerative nerve disease can receive Social Security Insurance benefits immediately, without having to endure a five-month waiting period.

St. John's honored Frates in three important ways in recent years, naming him the school's 2018 Distinguished Alumnus in addition to retiring his No. 3 jersey in hockey, baseball, and football in the fall of 2017. Frates remains the only scholar-athlete alumnus in Prep history to have his number so honored (late alumnus, 1st Lt. Derek Hines '99, had his No. 23 ice hockey jersey retired in 2018). The school also dedicated its varsity baseball field as the "Pete Frates '03 Diamond" in 2017. ESPN has released a trilogy of documentary shorts about his journey (2014, 2015 and 2024).

Frates is survived by his wife, Julie, 35, and his 10-year-old daughter, Lucy, along with his parents, John and Nancy, and his siblings, Andrew and Jenn (Frates) Mayo.

Herb Chambers

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2023 Hyundai Santa FE Limited — HP7780, Auto., AWD, Calypso Red, 12K miles — $32,898
2020 Honda Odyssey Elite — H250388, Auto., Blue, 69K miles — $32,998
2022 Honda Pilot EX-L AWD — H250287, Auto., Modern Steel, 31K miles — $33,498
2021 Honda Passport Elite AWD — H241038, Auto., Deep Scarlet, 22K miles — $33,498
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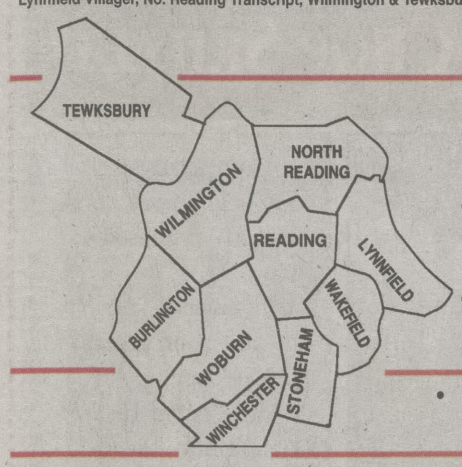

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Future of Woburn's historic Wyman School parcel now uncertain

WOBURN'S WYMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Accented by two conical-roof topped towers - which resulted in the original four-room schoolhouse's popular "castle" nickname - the Wyman Elementary School at 677 Main St. in Woburn is listed on the Mass. Registrar of Historic Places as an impressive example of Romanesque Revival Architecture. (Courtesy Photo)

By PATRICK BLAIS

Anyone want to buy a castle?

Unable to afford the hefty tab associated with bringing the historic Main Street property up to modern building code standards, Woburn's School Committee earlier this summer finally gave up the idea of restoring the community's oldest schoolhouse.

Just a few weeks ago, Woburn's City Council transferred full control of the old Wyman Elementary School property by the corner of Main and Eaton Streets into the custody of Mayor Michael Concannon. The unanimous vote, taken without debate or discussion, gives the city control of the approximate 3.5-acre parcel for the first time in over a century and marks the official end of the Wyman School's continuos 132-year use for educational purposes.

Presently, it's unclear what Concannon intends to do with the parcel, which sits in the heart of the city's Central Square area and contains one of the city's architectural jewels. However, on several occasions over the past seven years, local officials have suggested that at a minimum, the original 1892 building should be separated from the rest of the property and sold off to a private developer willing to preserve the character of the distinctive schoolhouse.

Accented by two conical-roof topped towers - which resulted in the original four-room schoolhouse's popular "castle" nickname - the 677 Main St. site is listed on the Mass. Registrar of Historic Places as an impressive example of Romanesque Revival Architecture. In 1924, a flat-roofed two-story edition, featuring a similar red bricked facade, was tacked onto the rear of that original building.

"The overall effect is a building which is massive and irregular in silhouette despite its overall symmetry," reads a Mass. Historical Commission description of the original 1892 building, which was designed by J. Merrill Brown, a former apprentice of famed American architect H.H. Richardson.

"Constructed in 1892, the original [front] portion consists of a two-story block capped by a steeply-pitched gable roof which is sheathed in slate with copper finials," the state's architectural narrative continues. "End chimneys rise from the side gables and there is a flared, pyramidal roof on the air raid/bell tower. The recessed entrance at the base of the

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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

'The Crow', stylish and operatic, but can't outfly original

SCARE CROW - Bill Skarsgård as the title character in "The Crow", a Lionsgate film release. (Larry Horricks/Lionsgate via AP)

By MARK KENNEDY
AP Entertainment Writer

One of the first things you see in the reimagined "The Crow" is the sight of a fallen white horse in a muddy field, bleeding badly after becoming entangled in barbed wire. It's a metaphor, of course, and a clunky one at that — a powerful image that doesn't really fit well and is never explained.

That's a hint that director Rupert Sanders will have a tendency to consistently pick the stylish option over the honest one in this film. In his attempt to give new life to the cult hero of comics and film, he's given us plenty of beauty at the expense of depth or coherence.

The filmmakers have set their tale in a modern, generic Europe and made it very clear that this movie is based on the graphic novel by James O'Barr, but the 1994 film adaptation starring Brandon Lee hovers over it like, well, a stubborn crow.

Brandon, son of legendary actor and martial artist Bruce Lee, was just 28 when he died after being shot while filming a scene for "The Crow." History seems always to repeat: The new adaptation lands as another on-set death remains in the headlines.

Lee's "The Crow" was finished without him and he never got to see it enter Gen X memory in all its rain-drenched, gothic glory, influencing everything from alternative fashion to "Blade" to Christopher Nolan's "Dark Knight" trilogy.

Bill Skarsgård seizes Lee's role of Eric Draven, a man so in love that he returns from the dead to revenge his and his sweetheart's slayings in what can be best called a sort of supernatural, romantic murderfest. (The tagline, "True love never dies," clumsily rips off Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera.")

William Schneider, who co-wrote the screenplay with Zach Baylin, has given the story a near-operatic facelift, by introducing a devil, a Faustian bargain, blood-on-blood oaths and a godlike guide who monitors the limbo between heaven and hell, which looks like a disused, weed-covered railway station. "Kill the ones who killed you and you'll get her back," our hero is told.

The first half drags at it sets the table for the steady beat of limbs and necks being detached at the end. Eric and his love, Shelly (played by an uneven FKA Twigs), meet in a rehab prison for wayward youth that is so well lit and appointed that it looks more like an airport lounge where the cappuccinos are $19 but the Wi-Fi is complimentary.

Eric is a gentle loner — tortured by a past the writers don't bother filling in, who likes to sketch in a book (universal cinema code signaling a sensitive soul) and is heavily tattooed (he's often shirtless). His apartment has rows of mannequins with their heads covered in plastic and his new love calls him "brilliantly broken." He's like a Blink-182 lyric come to life.

Shelly is more complex, but that's because the writers maybe gave up on giving her a real backstory. She has a tattoo that says "Laugh now, cry later," reads serious literature and loves dancing in her underwear. She clearly comes from wealth and has had a falling out with her mom, but has also done an unimaginably horrible thing, which viewers will learn about at the end.

Part of the trouble is that the lead couple cast off very little electricity, offering a love affair that's more teen-like than all-consuming. And this is a story that needs a love capable of transcending death.

There are lots of cool-looking moments — mostly Skarsgård in a trench coat, stomping around the desolate concrete jungle in the rain at night — until "The Crow" builds to one of the better action sequences this year, albeit another one of those heightened showdowns at the opera.

By this time, Eric has donned the Crow's heavy eye and cheek makeup. He adds to this ensemble a katana and an inability to die. As he closes in on his target, mowing down tuxedoed bad guys as arias soar, the group movements on stage are echoed by the furious fighting backstage. A few severed heads might be considered over the top at curtain call, but subtlety isn't being applauded here.

If the original was plot-light but visually delicious, the new one has a better story but suffers from ideas in the films built on its predecessor, stealing a little from "The Matrix," "Joker" and "Kill Bill." Why not create something entirely new?

"The Crow" isn't bad — and it gets better as it goes — but it's an exercise in folly. It cannot escape Lee and the 1994 original even as it builds a more allegorical scaffolding for the smartphone generation. To use that very first metaphor, it's like the trapped white horse — held down by its own painful past, never free to gallop on its own.

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"The Crow," a Lionsgate release that hits theaters Friday, is rated R for "strong bloody violence, gore, language, sexuality/nudity and drug use." Running time: 111 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

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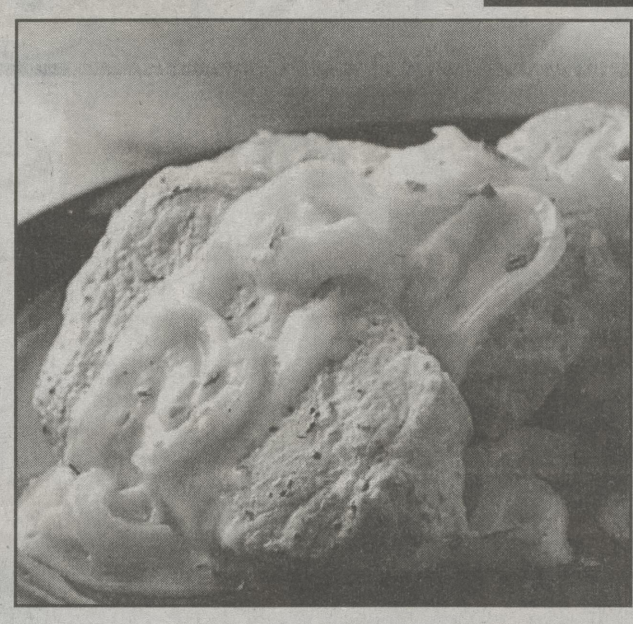
Parmesan Pork Chop Skillet



INGREDIENTS:

- 4 boneless pork chops (1 1/2 lb), trimmed of fat
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup thinly sliced sweet onions
- 1/4 cup Gold Medal™ all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups Progresso™ chicken broth (from 32-oz carton)
- 1/4 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese (2 oz)
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh Italian (flat-leaf) parsley
- 1 pouch (4.7 oz) Betty Crocker™ roasted garlic mashed potatoes, prepared as directed on pouch

STEPS

1. Rub pork chops with salt and pepper. In 12-inch nonstick skillet, melt 2 tablespoons of the butter over medium-high heat. Add pork; cook 2 to 4 minutes or until browned on first side. Turn pork; reduce heat to medium; cook 1 to 2 minutes or until browned on second side. Transfer to plate; cover with foil to keep warm. Butter will be very dark.

2. Add remaining 2 tablespoons butter and the onions to skillet; cook 3 to 4 minutes or until onions soften and begin to brown. Stir in flour; cook and stir 30 to 60 seconds or until mixture thickens and begins to brown. Stir in broth and whipping cream; heat to simmering over medium-high heat. Return pork to skillet; reduce heat to low. Cover and cook 4 to 6 minutes or until pork is no longer pink in center (at least 145°F).

3. Remove from heat; transfer pork to plates. Stir Parmesan cheese into sauce mixture in skillet. Spoon sauce over pork; top with parsley. Serve with potatoes.

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Back to School!

Got cold symptoms? Here's when kids should take a sick day from school

By CHEYANNE MUMPHREY
AP Education Writer

As schools reopen for another year, they are focused on improving student attendance. But back-to-school is hitting just as COVID-19 cases are increasing, raising the question: When is a child too sick for school?

School absences surged during the pandemic and have yet to recover. Nearly 1 in 4 students remains chronically absent, defined as missing 10% or more of the academic year, according to the latest data analyzed by The Associated Press.

One reason for continued high absences: After years of COVID-19 quarantines, parents are more cautious about sending children to school when they might be contagious with an illness.

When a child misses school, even for an excused absence like a sick day, it's harder for them to stay on track academically. So schools and health experts are trying to change the culture around sick days.

Here's what they want parents to know.

COVID guidelines have changed

During the pandemic, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urged people who tested positive for COVID-19 to isolate at home for a set number of days and to quarantine after exposure to the coronavirus. In some settings, people with any mild illness were urged to remain home until symptoms were clear.

Those standards, and the caution behind them, remained for years after schools reopened to in-person instruction. That meant children often missed large portions of school after contracting or being exposed to COVID-19 or other illnesses.

This spring, COVID-19 guidance officially changed. Now, the CDC suggests people treat COVID-19 like other respiratory illnesses, such as the flu and RSV.

Fever-free for 24 hours

If a child has a fever, they should stay home, no matter the illness.

A child can return to school when their fever has been gone for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication. Other symptoms should be improving.

What about other symptoms?

If a child doesn't have a fever, it's OK to send them to class with some signs of illness, including a runny nose, headache or cough, according to schools and the American Academy of Pediatrics. If those symptoms aren't improving or are severe, such as a hacking cough, call your child's doctor.

The guidance around vomiting and diarrhea varies across school districts. Generally, students should remain home until symptoms stop, according to American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines. Older children may be able to manage mild diarrhea at school.

"Unless your student has a fever or threw up in the last 24 hours, you are coming to school. That's what we want," said Abigail Arii, director of student support services in Oakland, California.

Guidance from the Los Angeles Unified School District says students can attend school with mild symptoms such as a runny nose or cold, but should stay home if they have vomiting, diarrhea, severe pain or a fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit (37 degrees Celsius) or higher.

School districts across the U.S. have similar guidance, including in Texas, Illinois and New York.

When to wear a mask

The CDC says people should take additional precautions for five days after returning to school or other normal activities.

Masks and social distancing are no longer mandated but are encouraged to prevent disease spread. Experts also recommend plenty of handwashing and taking steps for cleaner air, such as opening a window or running an air purifier.

School districts say parents should keep up-to-date on all health examinations and immunizations for students so they don't miss additional days of school.

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gable is set into a semi-elliptical arch and has sweeping brick sidewalks flanking the front stairs."

The Wyman School officially closed its doors as an elementary school back in 2018, when the student population was redistricted to the new Hurld-Wyman School by nearby Lowell and Wyman Streets. However, the beloved property was considered so important to the city that the School Committee and various city leaders explored a multitude of alternative uses for the site, which also included a single-story "annex" addition that attached to the original schoolhouse in 1964 through an enclosed walkway.

That quest to preserve the original business began well before the neighborhood school shuttered some six years ago now. In fact, in 2014, or about a year after the Mass. School Building Authority (MSBA) agreed to consider partnering with the city to replace the antiquated school, former Mayor Scott Galvin in response to citizen concerns' about the historic building's future, agreed to protect the site from the wrecking ball.

"That will definitely be deed restricted. The building will remain in its present state, but as to what use it will be, that has yet to be determined," said Galvin at the time during a question-and-answer session about the MSBA process.

Presently, the city values the entire school property, which includes a total of 30,000 square feet of space, at around $7.3 million. It's unclear how much the community spent on constructing the facility over the past century, but state records show Woburn spent around $350 to design the original schoolhouse, while the 1964 "annex" addition cost $435,000.

However, according to the local School Committee, an ad hoc committee created last spring to formulate a long-term capital investment plan for the city's educational assets has declared the cost of rehabilitating the facility as cost prohibitive. Given those findings, the School Committee this June agreed to finally relinquish control of the 3.5-acre property back to the city.

That 15-member committee came to that conclusion earlier this summer after visiting the Central Square property in person and reviewing the findings of a 766-page study commissioned back in 2020 that examined the condition of each school property within Woburn.

According to that final fall of 2023 report prepared by Boston's DiNisco Design, which considered renovating the building for preschool or administrative office uses, the city would have to invest an astronomical amount of money given the current condition of the vacant building.

"We did three things to look at the Wyman. We looked at the feasibility study and talked about it in a discussion in March. Then in April, the committee took a trip to the Wyman School to get a feel for its condition. Then on May 15, the committee heard from [[DiNisco Design's principal architect] Donna DiNisco to ask questions about the future use of the Wyman...It's the opinion of the [ad hoc] committee that the Wyman is no longer useful to the School Committee for education purposes," school board veteran and ad hoc committee member Ellen Crowley told her colleagues earlier this summer.

WYMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CIRCA 1924

As explained at the outset of 2024 by DiNisco, when the member of the Hurld-Wyman School design team summarized the feasibility study findings during a public forum in the Joyce Middle School, it would cost at least $20 million just to bring the old Central School up to modern day building code standards.

Further deeming the architecturally-significant "castle" building space and the newest "annex" wing as too small to house either the district's largest special education program or its full pre-K population, the DiNisco report also estimated it would cost at least $10.6 million to further convert the "annex" building into a new headquarters for the school system's central office administrators.

"The layout of the building really doesn't lend itself to any one program. We looked at an early childhood program for the building, but it's really too small. We also looked at it for the central administrative offices. You could do that, but it requires a significant effort," the designer added.

Over the years, the city has also considered the other following uses for the Wyman School property:

• Back in 2016, former Superintendent Mark Donovan proposed leasing out part of the building to the SEEM Collaborative for a new deaf and hearing-impaired education program;

• With the COVID-19 pandemic resulting in the shutdown of schools back in the spring of 2020, former Assistant Superintendent for Student Services Michael Baldassarre in September of 2020 began exploring the possibility of repurposing the building into a remote "supervised learning center" where local YMCA or Boys & Girls Club officials would provide "virtual" childcare sessions for up to 180 pupils.

Back in 2018, Galvin after consultation with the School Committee first suggested the "castle" wing of the property be broken off from the larger 3.5 acre site and sold off to a private developer for a residential development. The proceeds from that sale would then be used to retrofit the "annex" wing for use as the district's central offices and as a repository for old city records.

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Tewksbury Police Log

Lowell man arrested for alleged break in of home

Monday, August 26

2:56 a.m. - Caller reported he saw a suspicious infinity sedan pull up to his open garage with his lights on at Ames Hill Drive. No color, no plate. He requested an officer check the area due to recent thefts in the area. Vehicle was no longer on scene. Caller does not want to speak with an officer. Police sent. They checked the area and spoke with the owner of the infinity. He lived there and saw nothing suspicious at this time.

12:42 p.m. - Caller reported an erratic operator in the area of South Street and Main Street. Vehicle was driving over the yellow line and almost hit a tree. Police sent. They checked the area. The vehicle was gone on arrival.

2:05 p.m. - Caller reported what appeared to be two people on a bench at Lowell 5 doing drugs. Police sent. They went out with a motor vehicle. Caitlynn Spaulding, 34, of 56 Ambrose St. in Revere, was arrested and charged with a warrant for shoplifting.

5:36 p.m. - Passerby reported there was a white male, short hair, baseball cap, approximately 50 years old with a political sign and whistle, yelling at cars passing by at Applebees Restaurant. Caller no longer on scene. Police sent. Party was spoken to.

Tuesday, August 27

11:21 a.m. - Caller reported a female wearing all black carrying a clipboard went into was yard at Driftwood Drive. Caller stated he was not home and didn't see which direction the female left. Police sent. Officer checked the area, but nothing was found. The neighbor saw the female and she believe she's a solicitor. They were gone at this time.

Wednesday, August 28

3:37 a.m. - Caller reported two vehicles, silver/gray Camry or Honda revving engines for past 30 minutes at Merrimack Meadows Lane. Caller stated he saw four people with vehicle. Police sent. Caller called back reporting vehicles moving down toward higher numbers of Merrimack Meadows. Police out with a vehicle. The Honda would be picked up by a relative. He would call for a private tow before 7 a.m.

1:50 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a white motorcycle passed her at a high rate of speed at Main Street and Shawsheen Street. Caller described the operator as wearing black backpack and khaki shorts with a faint tattoo on one leg. Caller continued driving as the motorcycle turned into Market Basket. Police sent. Male was able to provide proper paperwork for the motorcycle and checked out OK.

2:33 p.m. - Employee at Marriott Residence Inn looking to file a report regarding a breaking and entering to one of their sheds with multiple tools/equipment missing. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

Thursday, August 29

12:50 a.m. - Caller stated a man was sleeping near entrance and walking around property when the caller went to drop off his car at Schlott Tire Company. White male about five foot ten inches, shaggy hair, wearing a dark gray/black zip hoodie. Police sent. Party was gone on arrival.

4:53 a.m. - A 911 caller stated someone was in her home and someone yelled up and asked if anyone was home at Ironwood Lane. Police sent. They reported a walk through of the house was conducted with nothing found. Officer filed a report.

7:54 p.m. - Police reported open side door at Dickson Avenue. Caller reported he owned the vacation house and received a call from the neighbor reporting that there were people inside on the second floor. Police sent. Those parties were trespassed from the property. Officer filed a report.

11:44 p.m. - Caller reported a black sedan had been driving up and down the street repeatedly at Ferncroft Road. Police sent. They checked the area with no vehicles showing matching description.

Friday, August 30

1:11 p.m. - A 911 caller reported white male in his 30s with short crew cut wearing a black t-shirt, gray jeans, was inside Mobil Kicksmart yelling at someone inside for stalking his wife. No weapons could be seen. Caller was no longer in the area. Police sent. Jadious Hardin, 20, of 11 Lyons St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for operating motor vehicle with license suspended.

5:49 p.m. - Anonymous caller reported two people hanging out by the dumpster and found it suspicious at McDonalds South. Police sent. Parties were gone on arrival.

7:41 p.m. - Police reported he would be out with people that were in the bushes at Oakdale Mall. The parties were spoken to.

10:27 p.m. - A 911 caller stated a male kept getting in and out of the vehicle at County Road. Caller stated there was another male with him and has been going on for half an hour. Party checked out OK and was standing by in the area waiting for the tenants to move out of his property due to past issue.

Saturday, August 31

2:36 p.m. - A 911 caller reported they heard someone in their house and then saw them run out the back door into the woods behind their home at Andover Street. Described as a hispanic male, six foot one inch, wearing a tan shirt with yellow and black on it, tan backpack, short haircut, tattoo on right arm, lanyard with a badge around his neck. Police sent. Tyler Wright, 27, of 68 Forest St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with larceny from building, larceny under $1,200, and person in fear breaking and entering daytime for felony.

4:19 p.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer by telephone regarding suspicious person walking on his street earlier at Sheridan Lane. Police spoke with party and later were going to the area.

Sunday, Sept. 1

8:28 p.m. - Caller reported a car that had all of its tires taken off in carport at Archstone Avenue. Caller was worried because there had been multiple vehicles that had their tires stolen. Police sent. They spoke with the registered owner who reported her daughter's boyfriend was changing the brakes on the vehicle which was why the tires were off.

Wilmington Police Log

Reading man issued summons for shoplifting

Friday, Aug. 23:

12:03 a.m.: A gray 2017 Alfa Romeo Giulia was involved in a motor vehicle accident on Andover Street. One of the three passengers was picked up by an ambulance.

12:24 p.m.: Javier O Lozada Jimenez of 232 Myrtle St., Apt. #1, in New Bedford, was arrested for shoplifting by asportation and shoplifting over $250 by price tag tampering. This followed security at the Target on Ballardvale Street stating they had a shoplifter in their office.

1:47 p.m.: A blue 2022 Ford Utility Truck sideswiped a pole on Glen Road. The operator stated that he veered right to avoid an oncoming vehicle partially in his lane, but was unable to give a description of the vehicle.

Saturday, Aug. 24:

10:47 a.m.: A white 2016 Infiniti QX60 and a gray 2017 Toyota Rav4 were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Industrial Way. It's not known if anyone was injured.

12:58 p.m.: Assisted state police with a three or four car motor vehicle accident. Wilmington police were asked to search for a gray Ford pick-up truck with heavy front-end damage, as it had left the scene of the accident. The truck in question was found by passerby on an I-93 on-ramp.

8:43 p.m.: A green 2023 Subaru Ascent was involved in a two-car motor vehicle accident prior to exit 34 on the I-93 SB Hwy. State police handled the situation.

Sunday, Aug. 25:

9:21 a.m.: A caller on Jonspin Road reported suspicious activity. A trespass order was issued to an involved party, but the company declined to file charges.

12:49 p.m.: A caller on Avalon Drive reported that his wallet was stolen from his vehicle the night before, and the credit cards were being used.

2:05 p.m.: A walk-in party reported that someone broke into her car on Middlesex Avenue sometime overnight.

Monday, Aug. 26:

1:35 a.m.: Phouthana Inthirath of 16 Carmel Dr., in North Billerica, was arrested for exhibiting someone else's license, a subsequent offense of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and not having a valid inspection sticker. This followed a stop of her white 2013 Mercedes E3504M near AL Prime on Main Street.

12:51 p.m.: A white 2023 Chevy Blazer and a white 2013 KW Bucket were involved in a motor vehicle accident on West Street.

3:04 p.m.: John N Moses of 24 Haverhill St., in Reading, was issued a summons for larceny under $1,200. This followed loss prevention at the Target on Ballardvale Street reporting a shoplifting incident with a man who had since left the scene.

Tuesday, Aug. 27:

1:21 a.m.: Caleb Sabu of 97 Brandywyne Dr., in East Boston, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended or revoked registration, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and operation of a motor vehicle in violation of license restrictions. This followed a stop of his black 2010 Mercedes C on Lowell Street.

7:35 a.m.: A black 2015 Toyota Rav4 and a gray 2015 Honda Pilot were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Main Street. The fire department transported one person from the scene.

9:27 a.m.: Jonathan Warren DeLisle of 97 Coral St., in Haverhill, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and not having a valid inspection sticker. This followed a stop of his white 2014 Chevy Silverado on the I-93 SB Hwy.

Wednesday, Aug. 28:

2:28 a.m.: Xiaoliang Yao of 292 Old Billerica Road, in Bedford, was arrested for OUI-Liquor over .08% and negligent operation of a motor vehicle. This followed police checking in on his white 2020 Porsche Cayenne in the parking lot of the Citgo Gas Station on Middlesex Avenue.

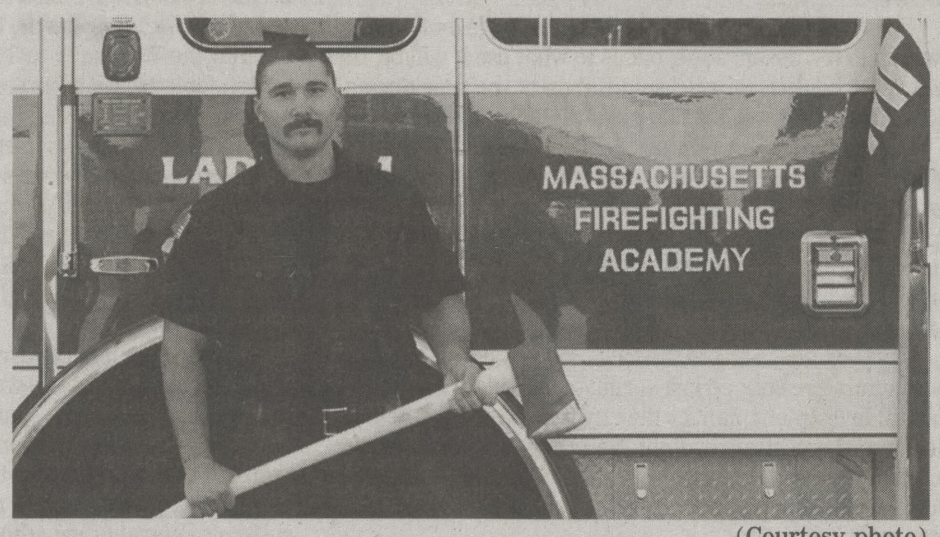
6:24 a.m.: Jason M Pelletier of 490 Rantoul St., Apt. #31, in Beverly, was issued a summons for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and operating an unregistered motor vehicle. This followed a stop of his blue 2020 Toyota Corolla on Cross Street.

5:34 p.m.: Angel Luis Castro of 195 Smith St., Apt. #2, in Lowell, was arrested for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle, and speeding in violation of special regulations. This followed a stop of his red 2007 Honda Civic near The Corner Store on Shawsheen Avenue.

Thursday, Aug. 29:

2:52 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident was reported north of Exit 35 on the I-93 NB Hwy. State police handled the situation.

Maga graduates from state firefighting academy



(Courtesy photo)

STOW — State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine and Massachusetts Firefighting Academy leadership today announced the graduation of 34 firefighters from the 50-day Career Recruit Firefighting Training Program including Kyle Maga from Tewksbury.

"Massachusetts firefighters are on the frontlines protecting their communities every day, and today's graduates are needed now more than ever," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "The hundreds of hours of foundational training they've received will provide them with the physical, mental, and technical skills to perform their jobs effectively and safely."

"Massachusetts Firefighting Academy instructors draw on decades of experience in the fire service to train new recruits," said Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Director Eric Littmann. "Through consistent classroom instruction and practical exercises, today's graduates have developed the tools they'll need to work seamlessly with veteran firefighters in their home departments and in neighboring communities as mutual aid."

The graduating firefighters of Class #323 represent the fire departments of Andover, Attleboro, Belmont, Devens, Dudley, Fitchburg, Maynard, Methuen, Norfolk, North Andover, Northborough, Orleans, Revere, Salem, Shrewsbury, Tewksbury, and Westborough.

The Richard N. Bangs Outstanding Student Award, which is presented to one recruit in each graduating career recruit training class, was presented to Firefighter Ian Wilder of the Fitchburg Fire Department. The award is named for the longtime chair of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council and reflects the recruit's academic and practical skills, testing, and evaluations over the course of the 10-week program.

Basic Firefighter Skills

Students receive classroom training in all basic firefighter skills. They practice first under non-fire conditions and then during controlled fire conditions. To graduate, students must demonstrate proficiency in life safety, search and rescue, ladder operations, water supply, pump operation, and fire attack. Fire attack operations range from mailbox fires to multiple-floor or multiple-room structural fires. Upon successful completion of the Career Recruit Program, all students have met the national standards of NFPA 1001, Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, and are certified to the levels of Firefighter I/II and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council, which is accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications.

Today's Firefighters Do Much More than Fight Fires

Modern firefighters train for and respond to all types of hazards and emergencies. They are the first ones called to respond to chemical and environmental emergencies, ranging from the suspected presence of carbon monoxide to gas leaks to industrial chemical spills. They may be called to rescue a child who has fallen through the ice, an office worker stuck in an elevator, or a motorist trapped in a crashed vehicle. They test and maintain their equipment, including self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), hydrants, hoses, power tools, and apparatus.

At the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, recruits learn all these skills and more, including the latest science of fire behavior and suppression tactics, from certified fire instructors. They also receive training in public fire education, hazardous material incident mitigation, flammable liquids, stress management, and self-rescue techniques. The intensive, 10-week program involves classroom instruction, physical fitness training, firefighter skills training, and live firefighting practice.

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Wilmington SPORTS

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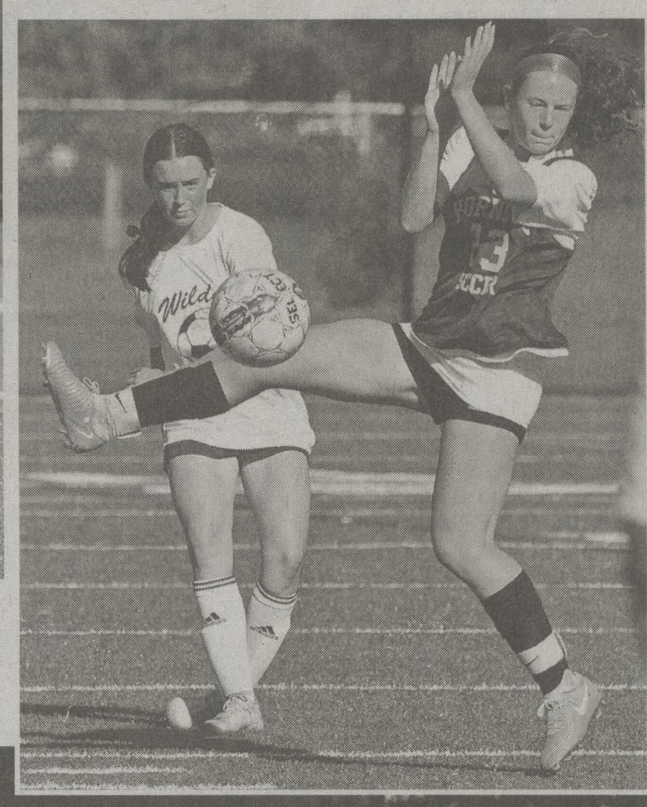
◀▼ The Wilmington High girls soccer team scrimmaged North Reading last week and opens the season this week.

(Joe Brown photos)



WHS girls soccer is ready

Wildcats open play this week

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The Wilmington High girls soccer team starts play this week led by senior co-captains Jillian Collins and Arianna Cook.

Last year, WHS finished 9-7-4.

"This year's team is very young," said Alvi Ibanez, the Wildcat coach.

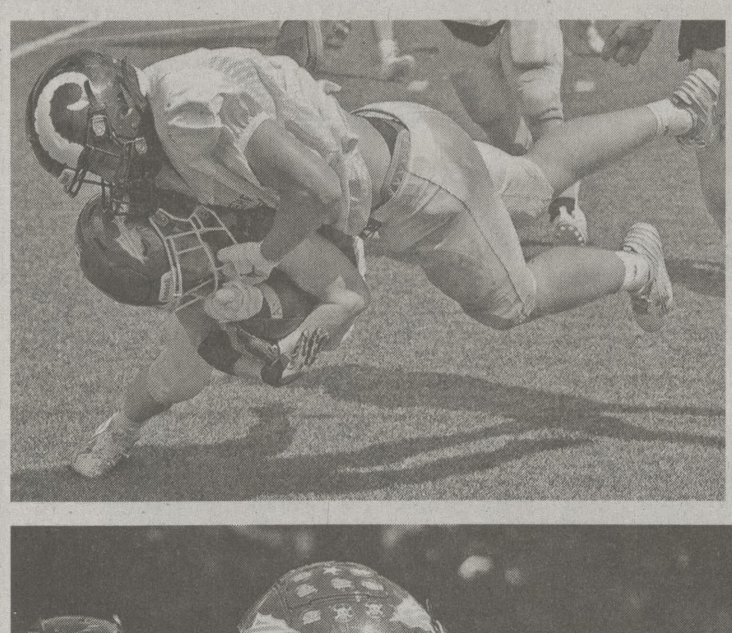
Junior captains on the squad include Erin McCarthy, Cathryn MacDonald and Alison McElligott.

Other returning players include sophomore Emma Nolan and juniors Maeve White, Alexis LeBlanc, Abigail Howie, Charlotte Forcina and Lindsay Broussard.

The 'Cats have 10 freshmen on the squad.

Wilmington opened the season against Winchester on Tuesday.

"Because of the high number of new players, I expect that we are going to be tweaking the lineup as we learn more about the incoming class," Ibanez added. "I also expect our leaders to lead this young squad on and off the field. My hope is to establish a rhythm by the second or third game of the season."



◀▲ The Shawsheen Tech football team opens its season on Friday at home.

(Joe Brown photos)

Rams kick off Friday at home

Shawsheen football has tough opening test against Bedford

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The Shawsheen Tech football team embarks on another run at a championship this Friday night when the Rams host Bedford at 7 p.m.

Shawsheen opens the season with five non-league battles before finally jumping into Commonwealth Athletic Conference action on Oct. 18 against Greater Lowell at home.

After opening with the Bucs, Ram head coach Al Costabile and his staff will visit Belmont the following Friday at 6 p.m. before a 7 p.m. home game against Winthrop on Sept. 20.

On Sept. 27 and Oct. 4, Shawsheen hosts Norwood and Wayland to close out a difficult non-league schedule.

Wilmington High sports kick off this week

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It's a busy week for Wilmington High athletic teams, who open the fall campaign this week.

On Tuesday, the WHS boys and girls soccer team opened play against Winchester, the girls at home and the boys in Winchester.

On Wednesday, the Wildcat volleyball team welcomed Winchester for its season opener and the Wilmington field hockey team also hosted the Black and Red on Wednesday.

Thursday afternoon, the soccer teams are back on the field with matches against Arlington, the boys hosting the Spy Ponders and the girls going to AHS.

Friday, WHS field hockey is back on the field against Arlington on the road at 4:15 p.m. while the football team plays in Chelmsford in an endowment game that will be played as a normal contest, but will not count in the standings for either squad.

Wilmington's volleyball team is back on the floor Saturday in Arlington at 11:30 a.m. and the Wildcat cross country teams will participate in the Massachusetts State Coaches Association

Relays at Highland Park in Attleborough.

◀▲ Wilmington High boys soccer and volleyball both start their seasons this week with games against Winchester and Arlington.
(Photos by Joe Brown)

Tennis tournament in Lexington

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Tournament Director Jeff Semon of Woburn has announced the first Lexington Tennis Doubles Championship.

"The goal of the LTDC is to engage tennis players of all levels and abilities in friendly competition to grow and sustain the game of tennis in Lexington and beyond," Semon said.

The LTDC will take place at the newly resurfaced Gallagher Tennis Courts (near Lexington High).

In addition to the resurfacing, the LTDC will take advantage of the new court lighting by beginning first-round matches (depending on the size of each draw) late afternoon/evening on Thursday, Sept. 19 and late afternoon/evening Friday, Sept. 20.

For draws with fewer participants, first round matches may begin over the weekend.

The LTDC is planned as a four-day tournament (Thursday 9/19/24 - Sunday 9/22/24) to accommodate busy weekend schedules, contingency for rain delays, and aims to minimize the number of matches played per day.

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Visit *https://sites.google.com/view/lexington-tennisdoubles/home* for more information.

Redmen squads ready to roll

As fall season begins, Tewksbury High has plenty to look forward to

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At last, high school sports have returned to Tewksbury.

While the Redmen golfers have already hit the links for their first match of the fall season, six of the eight remaining TMHS squads return to the playing surface this week to get the ball rolling on their respective campaigns.

From playoff hopefuls to aspiring underdogs, there will be a lot to keep an eye on throughout the fall.

GIRLS SOCCER MAY LACK EXPERIENCE, NOT TALENT

The Tewksbury High girls' soccer club has undergone a complete makeover after graduating 14 seniors and returning just six players.

While there are a lot of new faces for third-year head coach Brooke Pacheco, the Redmen are in no shortage of talent.

"I'm not worried about the talent," she said. "We lost talent, but we gained talent. It's just the experience at this point."

Tewksbury posted a 10-5-3 record last season in the ever-so-competitive Merrimack Valley Conference, resulting in a victory in the Div. 3 preliminary round before falling in the round of 32.

Pacheco has amassed a 14-18-6 mark in her two seasons at the helm.

Anchored by captains Emily Picher, Maya Paquette, and Claudia Melo, Tewksbury's veterans will be a crucial component in ensuring a smooth transition for a team that is largely composed of underclassmen.

Picher, who is entering her second varsity season, understands that effort starts with using her voice.

"I'm trying to get them out of their shells," she said. "Obviously, they are very shy at first. I'm trying to communicate more as that's a big thing you need to do on the field."

Like Pacheco, she doesn't have any woes regarding the influx of talent at the varsity level.

"We have a really good youth program, so I feel like all the younger girls coming in, they know what to do on the field and how to work together," said Picher. "They've all played together before, too."

Headlining the newcomers is Sophia Nazzaro, a player Pacheco has high expectations for following an impressive freshman season at the sub-varsity ranks.

"She played almost every minute of every game as a center back," said the coach. "I'm hoping we can plug her into that same position this year. She's just really dependable and a strong athlete."

Sophie Brewster, Nicole Baron, Lyla Chapman, Samantha Ryan, and Cordelia Zwirek round out a small but dependable class of returners.

Zwirek made headlines last fall as a freshman, leading the MVC in scoring with 18 goals and four helpers.

The rest of the Redmen will be new to the varsity level — but not really. Due to a tight bond between both the varsity and junior varsity squads, Pacheco is confident the transition will be relatively smooth.

"We try our best as a staff to keep both teams connected," said Pacheco. "We practice together at least once a week and we do a lot of tactical whiteboard sessions together. I'm hoping the transition is easier for them to adjust

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▲ Girls soccer captains: Emily Picher, Maya Paquette, Claudia Melo (Photo by Jason Cooke)

Tewksbury High squads begin fall season this week

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Tewksbury kicked off their fall campaign on Tuesday against Westford Academy and battle Tyngsborough on Thursday before jumping into league play the following week.

BOYS SOCCER EMBRACING UNDERDOG ROLE

After graduating star striker Ryan Cura among a handful of other key pieces, it could be easy to count out the Tewksbury High soccer squad.

But expectations haven't faltered.

Coach Mario Almeida is prepping for another run in the postseason.

Tewksbury qualified for the 2023 tournament with an 8-7-3 record, edging Taconic in a preliminary-round matchup before their run was stopped short in the round of 32 to Dover-Sherborn.

In three years as the bench boss, Almeida has posted a 20-25-9 record.

"For us, the expectation is always to qualify for the state tournament," said the coach. "This year we have some core pieces and more younger players."

MVC First-Team All-Conference selection Sal Catanzano will be a key cog in the offensive corp.

He notched three goals and four assists as a defensive back.

"He's always been a key player for us," said Almeida. "He's an all-conference player, and he's our leader. His leadership is going to be important to gain success."

Catanzano is joined by Alexandre Almeida, Austin Mannetta, and Aayush Ranjit to captain the Redmen on the pitch.

Ranjit, a senior goalkeeper, will be at the nucleus of the Redmen's success this fall. The 6-foot-4 netminder is entering his third season occupying the goal at the varsity level.

"I just want to help my team as best as possible and be a leader out there for my young teammates," he said. "I just need to try my hardest to keep the ball out of my net."

Antonio Almeida, John Pacheco, Arbel Levenson, Craig Beausoleil, Sean Maloney, Vinny Rodriguez, Kevin Andriolo, Gustavo Oliveira, and Sean Kocsmiersky are also expected to make an impact.

"They've been working hard," said Almeida. "We've had tryouts and we've had a few scrimmages and we're still working through some details, but I'm looking forward to the group."

Tewksbury's season opener is set for Tuesday, Sept. 10 when the Redmen take on Haverhill in a MVC showdown.

"I think we are underdogs," said Ranjit. "We have a bunch of young underclassmen coming up at attack, and I think we are going to put some goals in the net. I think we're underrated this year."

FIELD HOCKEY HAS EYES LOCKED ON POSTSEASON

A large returning class is hungry to finish what they started.

The Tewksbury High field hockey squad hauls back 14 players from last season's 8-6-4 playoff-bound campaign, and the Redmen are as determined as ever to get back on that very stage.

Highlighted by team captains Sydney Whalen, Maddie Duggan, Gabrielle Couillard, Anya Cranston, and Erin Costello, Tewksbury is well prepared to do just that under third-year head coach Jamie Bruno.

"We're still going pretty confident into the season," said Costello, a third-year varsity stalwart.

"We have a lot of returners on varsity, so that helps us a lot. We've been playing together for the past two to three years, so we're really comfortable with each other on the field."

Kallie Frechette, Abigail Solemina, Olivia Dipalma, Gabriella Davis, Jennalise Mercer, Kallie Mangan, Kamryn Frechette, Riley Morrison, and Riley Waterworth round out the group of returners to the turf this fall.

Costello, who has established herself as one of the team's premier ball movers, anxiously awaits the team's season opener on Thursday against Bedford.

"I'm really ready to contribute more this year for my senior season," she said. "I just want to make it the best season for me and for the other seniors as possible and pass that down to the younger kids on the team too."

Those younger newcomers include Lila Areias, Peyton Insogna, Chloe Veator, and Bridget Kelleher, who will all be making their varsity debuts.

The 5-0 defeat to Dover-Sherborn in the round of 32 is still very fresh in Costello's memory.

"We know what it feels like and we know what it feels like to lose like we did, so we're hungry to get back in there again," she concluded.

GOLFERS FACE EARLY ADVERSITY

It didn't take long for things to get real for the Tewksbury High golf squad.

While the rest of the TMHS fall teams were practicing on Wednesday, the golfers were thrown into the deep end with their first match of the season against none other but perennial MVC foe Central Catholic.

The Red Raiders ultimately came away with a potent 20-0 victory at Atkinson Country Club as Tewksbury fell to 0-1 on the season. Central's Harry Garland stole the show, posting a 2-under 34 to be crowned the match medalist.

After Labor Day weekend, the Redmen will return to action with Methuen on Wednesday, Sept. 4. With four returning players from last season's 8-6 campaign, it shouldn't be long until Tewksbury hits the win column.

Jake Civitarese, Ricky Pacheco, Tyler Crawford, and Jake Cunha headline the group of Redmen veterans. Pacheco and Crawford occupied Tewksbury's top pairing on Wednesday.

The remainder of Tewksbury's lineup will have a new look. Tyler Bourgea, Drew Broderick, Michael Devlin, Michael Macauda, David Karlberg, Cam Kingston, Phil Lombardi, and Jack Rattey are slated to debut with the club this fall.

Macauda, who played from the No. 4 spot against Central Catholic, had an impressive summer on the links. The junior netted a 5-over 77 to win the Lowell Junior City Golf Tournament 16-18 division in July.

He edged four-year Shawsheen Tech star Matt Tramonte — who is bound for Salem State this fall — on the challenging holes at Vesper Country Club. Macauda will look to carry that momentum into his first varsity season this fall.

"We've had a very competitive tryout week and are working on figuring out where guys will be in the lineup and who plays well with each other," said Redmen coach Jim Sullivan. "We'll focus on working on improving and getting better each day and see where we end up at the end of the year."

After the Redmen battle with Methuen, they are right back at it on Thursday for a match with Dracut at Hickory Hill Golf Club.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY LOW IN NUMBERS, NOT IN SPIRIT

Amid the cluster of teams scattered around the TMHS turf after team picture day last week, the girls cross country team stood out from the rest.

And it's not because they only had six runners.

As other squads were seen congregating along the track, head coach Courtney Graffeo's cross-country team was already hard at work, beginning their pre-practice stretching routine amid the chaos of photo day.

It's nothing out of the ordinary for Graffeo, who is entering her third season as head coach.

"I don't even need to go over there and check in on them," she said. "They know what to do and we all have great relationships."

And that's truly what it's all about for Graffeo and her team. With just six runners, she's already noticed her group develop a tight-knit bond.

"It's more about the relationships than it is about the running," said the coach. "They're a really good group of friends, and they trained a lot over the summer doing running."

Still, that's not to imply the Redmen won't be playing for keeps. Headlined by returner Teagan Claycomb and freshman Olivia Jensen, Tewksbury is ready to compete against the gauntlet of the MVC.

"Teagan has always been a really good runner," Graffeo said. "She doesn't even know how good of a runner she is honestly. It just comes very naturally for her, so she'll probably be our first to cross the finish line for most races."

Jensen has already impressed within the first week of practice.

"She is right up there with Teagan," said Graffeo. "She's going to help push her and she's a promising newcomer. She fits right in with everybody else and is very motivated."

Tewksbury's roster is rounded out by Payton VanGorder, Sarah Grimes, Brooke Marano, and Julia Stanton as they prepare for the Clipper Relays on Saturday to kick off their season.

Instead of the typical 5K distance, the Redmen will open their meet slate with a two-mile relay.

"It's a nice easy and more manageable start to things," said Graffeo. "It's a fun relay and a shorter race."

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY ON THE RISE

Second-year cross country head coach Tyler Wilson didn't mince words about competing in the MVC.

"In the MVC, it's really tough for cross country particularly. Those are tough meets," he said.

But Wilson and the Redmen aren't running from the challenge. Instead, they welcome it.

That change of mentality has begun at the top. Tewksbury captains Steven Oppedisano, Njila Lantum, and Matthew Beggan have made it their top priority to put TMHS cross country on the map.

David Bourque, Nathanael Laboy, and Deven Ricci round out an experienced senior class.

"We really worked on changing the culture in this program last year. They've been completely on board with that," Wilson said of his captain trio.

Wilson's captains have been prepping for the fall season since the spring.

"They've been awesome. They came to me this spring to talk about setting up captain's practices on their own, and they've been super proactive in getting that set up and convincing other people to train," said Wilson.

As seniors, Lantum and Beggan have done everything they can to influence the next generation of Tewksbury runners.

Lantum, who has been in the program all four years, wants to ensure the newcomers don't make the same mistakes he did as a freshman.

"I think I can teach them a lot of my experiences that I went through with how to stop injuries and how to run consistently," he said. "A lot of people quit when it gets too hard, and this sport is pretty fun."

Lantum and Beggan quarterbacked the initiative to get as many Tewksbury runners to the annual Stowe Running Camp, a week-long running experience in Vermont.

"It's a lot of fun activities," said Lantum. "In the morning we stretch and eat breakfast and either run or do a workout. It was pretty fun and we got to learn more about running."

They were also enlightened on a plethora of different ways to stay motivated when particular runs or training sessions become difficult.

"I can get everyone together and keep everyone motivated," Beggan said. "Running for me is kind of one of those things where it might not feel the greatest, but you're doing yourself well overall. I try to instill that in everyone else."

Wilson hopes the Div. 3 state meet is all the motivation his runners will need to push themselves on the course this fall.

"I would love to see us be more competitive in that meet and even take a chance at qualifying for All-States," said the coach. "I think we'll be a lot closer this year than we've been in the past."

Tewksbury also features Nathan Carroll, Kyle Ernewein, Jaxon Flaherty, Donovan Gray, Payton Haines, Zane Horgan, Ryan King, Leke Lajqi, Reverenceworth Loubowah, Justin Quartarone, and Ian Todd when they take on Lowell for their first dual meet of the season on Wednesday, Sept. 11.

▲ Boys soccer captains: Austin Mannetta, Alexandre Almeida, Aayush Ranjit, Sal Catanzano (Photo by Jason Cooke)

▼Field hockey seniors: Kallie Frechette, Sydney Whalen, Olivia Dipalma, Gabrielle Couillard, Abigail Solemina, Anya Cranston, Erin Costello, Maddie Duggan. (Photo by Jason Cooke)

Lifestyle

▼▶ Pick tender vegetables like tomatoes before a predicted frost to prevent crop loss. Green tomatoes will ripen nicely in the warmth of a sunny window. September is the perfect time to start a second vegetable garden planting of cool season hardy vegetable plants like broccoli and kale. (Heather Burns photos)

Never too late for growing vegetables

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

Labor Day weekend has become the "unofficial" end of summer for most, but for the green thumbed vegetable gardener, this unofficial season demise does not apply to the summer vegetable garden.

Early September is an exciting time of the year for the home gardener, as a daily stroll through the garden can reward you with a bounty of fresh fruits and vegetables.

As September passes, many of your favorite summer crops will still be in full harvest.

Beans, tomatoes, peppers, squash, carrots, potatoes, and watermelon are still in peak picking season, as well as many fall favorites like pears, apples and pumpkins.

But with the reward of the fall bounty also comes continuous, yet less intense, care of your vegetable garden throughout the fall season.

Besides picking ripe vegetables and continuing your water and weeding regiment, you may want to start to remove any plants that are withering or dying. This will improve the ease of your spring garden cleanup process, as well as make room to plant some cool weather vegetable crops to enjoy for the upcoming fall season.

Yes, it is true. September is the perfect time to start planting a fall vegetable garden.

One might think that a New England autumn is just too cold to dream about starting another crop of plants, but there are many plants that will thrive this time of year in our climate.

Stylistics provided by *www.plantmaps.com* suggest that the Merrimack Valley area typically experiences a first killing frost sometime between Oct. 11 and Oct. 20. This prospective frost date allows plenty of time to plant a variety of cool season vegetables.

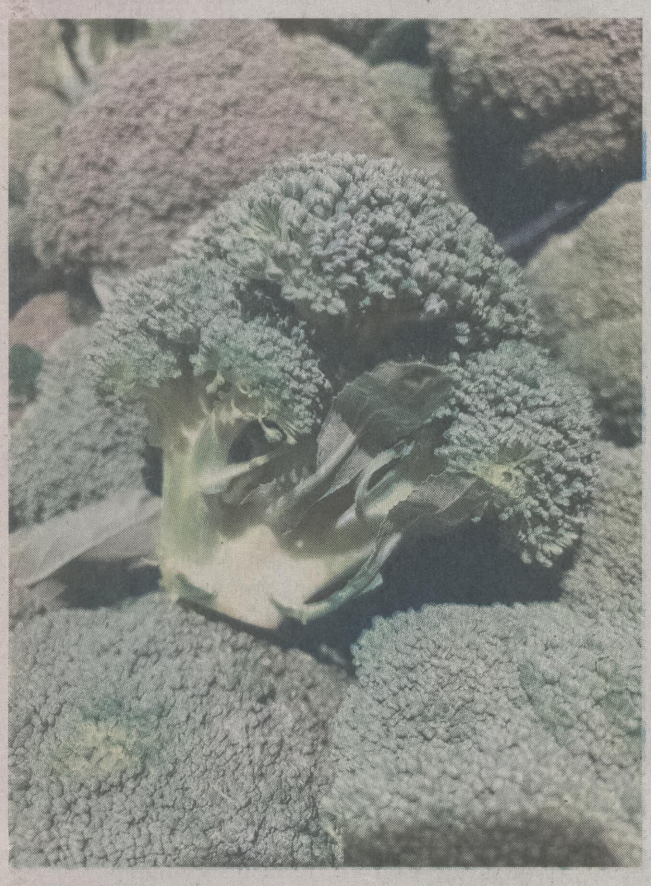
According to the Farmer's Almanac, there are several cool season vegetables that have short growing seasons from seedling to maturity, making them perfect for post-Labor Day planting.

Radishes, pak choi, and mesclun lettuce all have a 35 to 65 day growing period, and broccoli and kale both have a 35 to 65 day growing period.

Arugula has the shortest growing period of 20 to 40 days from seed to harvest.

A shortcut to making your plant's maturity time frame even shorter is to buy plants that have already been started.

These cool season vegetables are considered "hardy vegetables" that will survive a hard frost of 28 degrees fahrenheit.



Summer vegetables like tomatoes, cucumber and peppers are considered to be "tender crops" and will freeze during a light frost of 32 degrees F.

Contrary to the well known phrase of "frost on the pumpkin," most winter squash and pumpkins can only tolerate a very light frost.

To avoid crop loss, pick tender crops in advance of a predicted hard frost.

Tomatoes will ripen off the vine when picked as a mature green color (almost ready to start turning red) and exposed to sunlight. A sunny window will do the trick, providing enough sunlight for tomatoes to ripen to peak flavor.

Another way to protect your garden from an early frost is with the use of row covers and cold frames.

Row covers can be purchased online or at gardening retailers. These are wire frames that stake into the ground and are covered with non-woven polyester fabric. The row covers create a tunnel-like structure over your plants to protect them from frost.

A more economical suggestion is to use old bed sheets, drop cloths or table cloths that are free from rips and holes.

Drape cloths loosely over plants using bricks or stakes to secure and keep the material from resting on top of the plants.

Lightly water plants earlier in the day before you plan to cover for frost protection. Then cover plants in the late afternoon or early evening before sunset.

Remove coverings the next day at mid-morning. This will allow the temperature to have time to recover from the overnight drop and give plants full exposure to the warmth of the sunlight.

Cold frames are another option to avoid crop frost damage, and are recommended for the serious home gardener, particularly if you like to start your plants early in the spring and keep your garden going until mid-fall.

Cold frames are simply bottomless boxes that are set over plants (like a picture frame) to protect them from the cold weather. They are typically made of wood, set low to the ground with a removable transparent cover or "roof" that will let in the light but protect plants from frost.

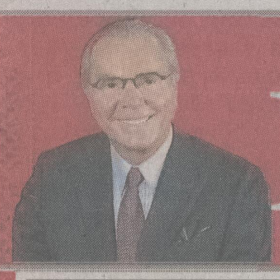
These can also be bought at specialty gardening stores, but easy to follow directions to build your own can also be found online.

Many cold frame plans incorporate the reuse of items such as old storm windows or shower doors to create money saving, eco-friendly protection for your plants.

For those wanting frost protection, but may not be willing to do the extra steps of row covering or cold frames, a good layer of mulch will help protect your plants by holding in warmth and moisture.

As we say goodbye to many of our favorite summertime habits and hobbies, be confident that you can still enjoy a rewarding bounty from your garden for months to come.

By making careful plant choices and taking the proper steps to protect your vegetable garden from a harmful frost, you can enjoy the fruits, or rather the vegetables, of summer all autumn long.



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